

## AUSTRIAN SHOT AND ALSO ROBBED

### Glen Falls Miner Goes Visiting Over to Ocean Mines and Gets Mixed Up Seriously in a Drunken Broil With His Host.

### Shoots a Fellow and Gets Shot--Later on His Way to the City He Receives a Beating and is Robbed of Sixty Dollars--Wounds are Slight.

A drunken broil transpired at Ocean mines among the foreign miners Sunday morning and the spirit of murder reigned. Two miners received slight gun-shot wounds, but luckily no one was killed.

The affair seems to have been in celebration of a visiting miner from Glen Falls. He was a young Austrian with an unpronounceable name. The affair occurred in one of the houses at Ocean and the scene was of the wild West order, in fact, dangerously alarming for awhile.

The visitor was handy with a gun, and had one, which he attempted to use, doubtless desiring to blow someone's brains out. He shot at one of the Ocean miners and the ball grazed his neck, making a slight wound. As he attempted to shoot the second time some one in the crowd knocked his arm upward and the ball struck the ceiling and bounded back, striking the one who fired the shot. The ball imbedded itself in the flesh of his right wrist.

That was sufficient experience for him for one day and he and some of his fellows started toward the city to have the wound dressed. As they were passing the tin plate mills he was set upon by a gang of foreigners and given a beating, but he managed to escape without any broken bones and they came to the city. They told their troubles to Policeman Harry Brooks, who ushered them into police headquarters. The mayor had the officer to take the fellow to the city physician, Dr. N. Peck, who picked the ball out with his fingers and found that the injury amounted to but little. The physician found a slight cut on one of the fellow's ears.

The Austrian claimed that he had been robbed of \$60 in one of the affairs but did not know who did it. He had \$25 on his person. No arrests have been made.

## AWARDED

Contract for Race Track to Col. Joe Fucy, Railroad Contractor

The directors of the West Virginia Fair Association held a meeting Saturday night and awarded the contract for the grading of the track on the association's grounds to Col. Joe Fucy the well known railroad contractor. Col. Fucy has already moved some of the construction apparatus on the ground and will begin work at once. The track and the beautifying of the ground will cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

## Child Very Sick

Mabel Hall, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall, has been very sick several days. She is threatened with spinal meningitis and her condition is serious. Fears are entertained that she may not recover. Her illness was caused by over study.

## RARE TREATS

Given at the Y. M. C. A. Meetings in Opera House.

Auditors Highly Pleased With Addresses of Eminent Speakers.

The Y. M. C. A. had two treats in the opera house Sunday. In the afternoon Prof. J. M. Mecklin, of Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., who filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church both morning and evening, addressed the men's meeting. Those who heard him say he delivered the best and ablest address the Y. M. C. A. has ever had here. He gave a splendid gospel talk on a text taken from Romans I, verse 16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ," and so on.

At the evening service, Hon. Thomas H. Clark, of Columbus, Ohio, a leading attorney and son-in-law of Dr. D. C. Louchery, of this city, was the speaker. He had for his subject, "The American Democracy and the New Evangelism." He entertainingly and profitably reviewed the formation of our government and how it grew up, and then demonstrated that people live when they follow the right, and that the national life must have more than the material, or in other words there must be conscience in government. The address was highly appreciated by the audience.

## GOOD PROSPECTS

Has a Home Company for Oil in Arkansas.

Captain John W. Coffman is home from Madison county, Ark., where he spent the summer looking after the interests of the West Virginia Mineral, Oil and Gas Company, in which he and other local people are the principal stockholders. He met with bad luck in the drilling of a well for oil. At a depth of 75 feet a good showing of oil was found but a tremendous flow of water was struck. He estimates that the water flowed at the rate of 100 barrels an hour. After checking the flow of water to some extent they drilled to the depth of 142 feet and lost the tools. Operations will be resumed in March, at which time Mr. Coffman will return to Arkansas. He is highly pleased with the outlook and has great confidence in the territory.

## ENTERTAINED

In Delightful Manner at Sheriff Fleming's Home.

The Mulberry Street Club was very delightfully feted by Miss Alice Fleming at the palatial home of her father, Sheriff John A. Fleming, on Mulberry street Saturday night. Charades and games were indulged in. Seasonable refreshments were served, covers being laid for twenty-five guests. The hours were from 8 to 12 o'clock. Miss Fleming is a very pleasant hostess and all present enjoyed the occasion very much.

## Five Drunks.

In police court this morning the mayor gave his attention to five Saturday night drunks. The usual fines were imposed. Some paid out and were released. Others were sent to jail in default of payment and will have time to reflect over the result of their over-indulgence.

## IMPERIAL

Visited by a very Destructive Fire.

Building Gutted and Saloon Mass of Ruins.

Narrow Escape of Mr. Nellis from Cremation.

Many of the residents of the city were surprised, when they came down town Sunday morning to learn that a serious fire had occurred that morning at the Imperial saloon, owned by George A. Nellis and John Duffy. No fire alarm had been sounded to warn the people.

The fire was discovered about 5:30 o'clock and the fire department with headquarters near by was upon the scene promptly but experienced considerable difficulty in getting at the blaze with the water. Doors and windows had to be broken in and by the time that was done the fire was under much headway. The structure on the inside readily invited a speedy spread of the fire and the flames went through the building from one end to the other almost with the rapidity of a cyclone. The department worked heroically and deserves much praise for its good service. The water pressure was extraordinarily strong and when turned upon the flames proved quickly effective.

Mayor Crile was one of the first on the scene and fought the flames with heroism of a veteran fireman. Chief Isenhardt also did good work in managing the fighting and assisting the firemen. Property owners in that section believe that the efforts of these two officers saved their buildings for them.

The blaze was a fierce one and leaped high into the atmosphere. The walls of the Clifford building on the east side of the saloon were considerably scorched even to the top. B. H. Brown's office on the other side of the saloon building was slightly damaged and considerable injury was done to his office furniture and other property. He was sleeping in the office but escaped before the smoke could suffocate him.

The occupants of the St. Charles hotel were greatly alarmed as the fire appeared very threatening at one time.

The saloon apparatus and fixtures were almost completely ruined and the stock of whiskeys, wines, brandies and beer destroyed or rendered useless. The fire burned off the heads of the whiskey barrels and much of the contents perished. The bar was almost completely destroyed. The handsome, large mirror is a total wreck. The building itself is practically gutted and the damage to it is heavy.

The fire is supposed to have originated from the cook stove in the restaurant as all other fires were out. The flames were discovered in that section.

Ed. Dorsey, Woody Dye and George Nellis, who were asleep up stairs, had narrow escapes from cremation. Dorsey was aroused first and he awoke the others. He and Dye immediately left the building, but Mr. Nellis, it seems, was not thoroughly aroused and fell to sleep again. The heat finally aroused him but all escape seemed cut off by the flames. He jumped through a second story window to the street below and miraculously escaped other injury than a severely sprained left wrist.

Nellis and Duffy estimate their loss at \$5,000 with \$3,000 insurance. Mrs. Ed. J. Coleman, owner of the building, suffers a loss of \$5,000 also with \$3,500 insurance.

## INJURIES

Received by Being Struck by Train Proved Fatal.

Mrs. Hess Died Sunday Morning at Her Home.

The death of Mrs. May Hess took place at her late home at 3:40 o'clock Sunday morning and was the result of injuries received a few weeks ago from being struck by a freight train on the West Virginia & Pittsburg division of the B. & O. railroad. It appears that she ran out of her house in front of an approaching train and that the engine struck her before it could be stopped. She was thrown forty feet and miraculously escaped instant death. That she lingered so long after being fatally injured is strange. At one time it was thought she would get well. She was 24 years of age. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was made in the graveyard on Haymond's hill. She was a member of the Watson family.

## TRAINMASTER

Appointed for the Monongah Division of B. & O. Railroad.

H. R. Laughlin has been appointed trainmaster of the Monongah division to succeed G. W. Martin, who was made superintendent of the Chambersburg division of the Pennsylvania. Mr. Laughlin was formerly trainmaster of the Wheeling division. W. H. Riley, who was his assistant, succeeds him. He will have headquarters at Grafton.

## BIG DEAL

Made in City Property by Business Citizens.

Sixty Thousand Dollars Paid for Boughner Block.

Purchasers are Messrs. S. C. Denham and V. L. Highland.

S. C. Denham and V. L. Highland purchased this afternoon the entire Boughner block, corner Main and Fourth streets. The consideration was \$60,000. Possession will be given April 1 next. The property will be used for business purposes. This is one of the most desirable business sites and properties in the city. The purchasers will improve it so as to make it one of the finest business blocks in Clarksburg. The property was owned by Daniel and O. P. Boughner.

## INSANE

Dr. Stanley Boggess, of Bristol, is Reported.

There was but little sleeping at police headquarters last night. Stanley T. Boggess, insane, was placed in the lockup about midnight by Policeman Ed. Williams, and he kept up loud yelling all night. Boggess is a one-armed man. He was brought down from Briscoe yesterday afternoon and taken to St. Joseph's hospital for treatment but became so bolstrous that the police had to be called to remove him.—Parkersburg News.

Dr. Boggess is a resident of Bristol, this county.

W. W. Jamieson is making a business visit in Salem today.

## GOUNCILMAN LONG OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN.

### Out Saturday Night Rounding Up the Boys--Two Saloon Keepers and Himself Shook Dice for the Drinks in Saloon.

### Crowd Present Manifested Much Interest on Account of the Fact That a City Councilman was in the Game--Said to be Candidate for City Clerk.

## DROWNED

Were two Eldest Sons of Mrs. Coward in Virginia.

Mrs. W. B. Osborn received a telegram Sunday afternoon, stating that the two eldest sons of Mr. and Mrs. Coward had been drowned at their home in Virginia. No details were given of the sad accident. Mrs. Coward is the only daughter of L. Mallonee, cashier of the First National Bank of Grafton. She graduated at Broadus college and is quite well known here. Her friends here are sad to learn of her bereavement.

## OIL WELLS

Coming in Rapidly in Grass Run Field.

On Grass run, this county, Treat & Crawford Company's No. 2 on the J. and H. A. Williams farm is holding up at 250 barrels a day, and is the largest producer in this district. The same company has completed the rig for No. 3 on the same farm. Hilton & Co. are drilling in the sand at a test on the J. L. Lough farm and the South Penn Company is down 1,500 feet with a test on the Olive Flint farm.

The United States Oil Company is drilling Nos. 8, 9 and 10 on the G. W. Williams farm. The Southern Oil Company is drilling Nos. 2 and 3 on the D. M. Carter farm. No. 2 is drilling in the sand.

## FULL TIME

At Salem Glass Factory After the Holidays.

Big Supply of Wook on Hand for Boxes.

Box wood was delayed recently at the Salem glass factory and it lost two weeks, but is now running at the old gait, 11 turns a week. The next two weeks will be short, on account of one holiday in each, then it will have full time for the remainder of the fire, as there is box wood for 38,000 boxes and other material to last during the season. It has 32 shops on now and expects to put up two more glory holes after the holidays.

New arrivals are John Miller, Chas. Shroth, Jr., Roger McMunn, Patrick and Thos. Corcoran and Frank Gilbert.

Thomas Purglove, who visited here several days, returned this morning to St. Clairsville, Ohio, where he is engaged in the operation of an extensive coal plant.

It is somewhat early to even think about the next municipal campaign but the ambitions of some people in that direction have begun to make them active and they are assiduously engaged in rounding the boys up, as it is termed.

There was a noted example of this activity Saturday night. Councilman A. S. Long, of the fifth ward, whose term expires this year, was out among the boys that night and at 11:30 o'clock was engaged in shaking dice with two saloon keepers for the drinks. The several persons in the saloon were especially interested owing to the fact that a city councilman was in the game.

The affair is said to have political significance in that it is understood that Mr. Long will be a candidate for either councilman or city clerk. It is stated that persons opposed to the present administration are pushing him for the city clerkship.

The game was in the Imperial saloon, which caught afire Sunday morning.

## HONOR GUESTS

Were Popular Young Clarksburg Married Couple.

Holiday Entertainment Given for Mr. and Mrs. Alexander.

The following society note of interest here appeared in Saturday's Parkersburg State Journal:—

One of the most delightful holiday entertainments was the affair given last evening by Miss Carrie Shrewsbury in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Alexander, of Clarksburg, and a number of their wedding party. Whist with hearts as trumps was played during the evening and the counters were souvenir Christmas favors. Heart-shaped markers were used on the tables and the score cards were designed of silver and gold paper attached to large red hearts. As nearly as possible the heart design was carried out in the reflection served. Holly, mistletoe and red roses were used in the decorations of the apartments used in entertaining. The guests were, besides the honor guests: Mrs. Robert Morrison, of Clarksburg; Mr. and Mrs. Hunter II. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Shrewsbury, Miss Mildred Harris, Miss Mary Moffett and Miss Henrietta Shrewsbury; Messrs. Bradford Hiteshew, Frank Warne, Monroe Shrewsbury, Ben Pope, Frank Martin and Richard Shrewsbury.

Rev. G. A. Dowell, assistant rector of Christ Episcopal church, returned this morning from Pennsboro, where he preached yesterday.