

The West Virginian Wishes All a Happy New Year

May the Present Year Be Happier—

NEW YEAR GOT WARM RECEPTION FROM FAIRMONT'S RESIDENTS

Lots of Noise and Many Parties Characteristic Features.

RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS

Open House Being Held at Various Places Today.

Fairmont last night gave 1917 the warmest greeting she ever tendered to the incoming year. Bells, whistles, torpedos, firecrackers, shouts, torpedos, yells, singing, whistles, praying and every other manner of boisterous celebration or pious observation was indulged in.

Large watch parties were held at the M. E. church, south, Hyland Avenue M. church, the First M. E. church and the Salvation Army. In addition there was a watch party being conducted practically every tenth home.

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Informal dance at the Watson will be an event of the New Year at the Fairmont Country club. A large number of guests will be entertained.

Union Watch Services By M. E. Churches

Union watch service was held last night by the congregations of the First Methodist Episcopal church and the First Baptist Episcopal church.

The Weather

Western Pennsylvania—Fair today and Tuesday, somewhat colder north portion tonight, strong west winds.

Statistical Record of the Year 1916

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Bank clearings, Railroad earnings, Farm crops, etc.

NEW MYSTERY IN POLICE CIRCLES

Was Man Shot at By Constable Last Night Hit.

An "ad nighal" arrested last evening by Officer Tom Ford was being brought to jail when said bad man decided to leave the cop's presence.

SHERIFF CONAWAY GLAD HE IS OUT

At All Events He Celebrates His Release From Official Duties.

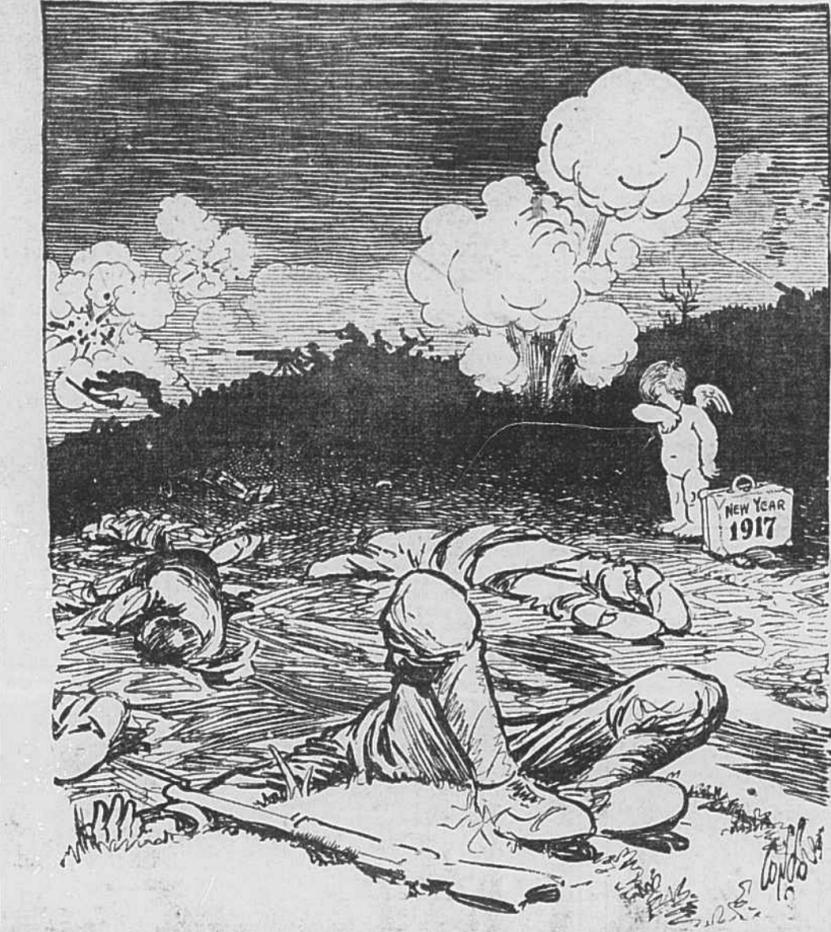
County officials and friends of Sheriff C. B. Conaway were entertained at a stag party at his home on Main street last night.

Night School to Resume Tuesday

The night school after a week's vacation, will resume work on Tuesday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock.

Judge Mason to Resume Practice

The term of Honorable John W. Mason as judge of the West Virginia supreme court expired yesterday and today his successor Judge Reitz will take his place on the bench.



WEEK OF PRAYER BEGINS TONIGHT IN ALL CHURCHES

Plan of Other Years Will Not Be Followed This Year.

The week of prayer service will be observed by practically all the churches of the city beginning tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Joint Installation of W. O. W. Officers

INTERESTING EVENT TO BE HELD AT MASONIC TEMPLE TONIGHT.

This evening the annual joint installation of White Oak camp and Maple Grove circle, Woodmen of the World, will take place in the Masonic Temple.

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BAD MAN'S BLUFF IS QUICKLY CALLED

Interesting Bunch in First Police Court of the Year.

Fred Temple, colored, was fined \$5 in police court this morning for disorderly conduct on Jackson street last night. He went to jail.

ARMIES BELIEVE WAR WILL END IN PRESENT YEAR

Two Theories Support This View on Western Front

Opinion among British and French fighters as to how the war will end is divided into two schools. The one believes that Germany will be willing to grant extreme concessions and the other that only military pressure will bring them the fruits of victory.

WOMEN GO TO MORGANTOWN

Low black clouds studded over the battle area this last night of the old year and its successes was born on a howling wind which caught up and carried away the thunder of guns.

SKINNERS TAVERN IS AGAIN ABLAZE

Third Fire in Five Months Almost Claims Victim in Manager's Nephew.

When the Fairmont Central fire department answered a call to Skinner's Tavern at 3:30 o'clock this morning, it discovered for the third time within the past five months that the building was in danger from flames which were almost beyond the reach of water or axe.

Frank Hockmuth nephew of Manager Beu, of the Tavern, was brought from his room unconscious from the effects of the smoke and heat. The fire had started from defective wiring in the same place which has caused so much trouble in the past.

LOCAL MEN WILL OPEN NEW MINE

June Clark and Frank Murphy Will Develop Tract on Western Maryland.

A new mine on the Western Maryland is to be opened soon by June Clark and Frank Murphy, local coal and business men respectively. The Western Maryland is now running a spur track to the opening and will be ready to haul coal as soon as the first ton is mined.

Mrs. Olive Dusky Dies at Mill Fall

Mrs. Olive Dusky, aged 44 years, wife of Sylvester Dusky, died at her home on Mill Fall run Sunday afternoon after an illness of a complication of diseases.

Presbytery to Meet at Mannington

A meeting of the Presbytery at Grafton will be held at Mannington on January 16 at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of installing Rev. Jacob V. Koontz as pastor of the Mannington church.

WYOMING COURT RESTRAINED

When the Circuit court of Wyoming presiding Judge Miller will be served with a rule from the Supreme court of Appeals, preventing him from prohibiting W. B. Belcher from qualifying as Sheriff of that county.

FARMERS GO TO MORGANTOWN

About one hundred and fifty of the leading farmers of counties in the southern part of West Virginia assembled in Charleston last night and will constitute a party occupying a special train leaving here over the Coal & Coke railroad for Morgantown, where they will spend five days known as farmers' week at West Virginia university.

MANY CHANGES ARE PLANNED FOR BLUE LAW

County Clerks May Be Made Deputy Commissioners.

WITH UNUSUAL DUTIES

Would Facilitate Importation into State of Malt Liquor.

Special Dispatch to West Virginian. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 1.—Making county clerks ex-officio deputy commissioners of prohibition of their respective counties and requiring them to make monthly reports of the transactions of their offices with regard to the work done in connection with their ex-officio functions to the commissioner of prohibition is one of the departmentures from the present prohibition laws of Virginia proposed by Senator C. C. Coalter, of the Seventh district, who will introduce in the Legislature of 1917 a bill with that as one of its provisions.

Another innovation this measure will propose is that the commissioner of prohibition shall cause to be printed in book form, per folios, made in triplicate, authorizing the shipment into the state of alcoholic liquors, and shall supply the deputy commissioners with permit blanks in such number as may be required.

"Any male resident of West Virginia, who has reached the age of 21 years, and who is a bona fide registered voter in the county in which he makes application, may apply to the county clerk, ex-officio deputy commissioner of prohibition, for permission to have shipped to his address, or to bring into the state in person, distilled alcoholic liquors, in quantities not exceeding two quarts; wines in quantities not exceeding four quarts; and malt liquors (beer, ale, port, etc.), in quantities not exceeding two dozen quarts, and, in addition to qualifications above set forth, is of good moral character, bears reputation for peace and sobriety and has never been convicted of a felony or on an indictment for violation of the prohibition law of the state in the courts of West Virginia; the said clerk shall issue to the applicant, upon payment of the sum of one dollar, a permit in duplicate, bearing duplicate numbers, authorizing the shipment as above set forth.

"Not more than one permit shall be issued to the same applicant within one calendar month, and no permit shall be issued for a greater quantity than set forth above. These permits shall bear the name of the applicant, the date of issue and the signature of the clerk.

"Permits shall be used in the following manner: "Applicant must enclose a permit in an order to a dealer outside of the state with instructions to paste the permit in a conspicuous place on the outside of the package; when shipment is received at the point of destination it shall be delivered by the common carrier to the party to whom it is addressed in person upon surrender of the duplicate permit; the agent of the common carrier shall first cancel the permit attached to the package in such a manner as to prevent it being used again and shall also cancel the duplicate permit, but not destroy it; the duplicate shall be placed on file and shall at all times be furnished for inspection by any officer of the municipality, county or state whose duty it is to look to the enforcement of the prohibition law; the agent of the common carrier shall register the name of the consignee, the date of shipment and the number of the permit; any person who has legally secured a permit may, by pasting both the original and the duplicate on a package carry in person to his home from points

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