

Town Talk

THE WEATHER.

West Virginia—Rain this afternoon and probably to night; warmer in east tonight. Tuesday partly overcast and much colder. Local Readings. F. P. Hall, Ob. Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 37. Yesterday's weather clear; temperature, maximum, 52; minimum, 28; precipitation, trace.

EVENTS TONIGHT Red Men Hall, First Ward—Modern Woodmen of America, Lodge No. 1427. Special initiation services. At Y. M. C. A.—Commercial league bowling. Fairmont Mining Machinery vs. Corbins Wholesalers at 7:30. Hartleys vs. Monongah Glass at 8:45. Temple Bowling Alleys—Monongah league bowling, Easy Marks vs. Birds.

Marriage Licenses—The following licenses has been issued by the county clerk's office: raff Kendall, aged 26, and Madge M. Hazy Pyles, aged 20 both of Farmington. J. F. Pyles, father of the girl, gave his consent.

Today's Legal Transfers—James L. Pittings to Marco Peco and Marie Peco, for No. 61 in the Arnett addition to the City of Fairmont, \$850. J. C. Rice and wife to Jessie Rice, eight acres in Paw Paw district, \$350. Leo Parrish and wife to Lawrence B. Toothman and wife, fifty acres on Mounts Run in Lincoln district, \$250. John and Lulu Powell to David Victor, parcel of land on Valley Falls, \$404. West End Improvement company to Margaret V. Smith, lots No. 14 and 15 in the West End to the City of Fairmont, 45 and other valuable consideration.

Normal Registration Day—Registration day is being observed at the Fairmont State Normal school today when old and new pupils are enrolling for the second semester which begins tomorrow. The first semester closed on last Friday. Routine work will be resumed tomorrow.

Recruiting Office Opened—Quartermaster D. C. Clark and Ship Fitter M. Walsh, of the United States Navy, have arrived and have opened a branch recruiting office in the basement of the postoffice building. They will remain until Saturday, February 3, and the office will be open every day until 5 p. m.

Strickler in Pen—Joseph Strickler, who was sentenced by Judge W. S. Hammond to serve two years in the state penitentiary at Moundsville, left here Saturday with an officer from that institution. Strickler was sent up for robbery.

To Decorate Temple—The official boards of the Methodist Protestant Temple will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock to open the bids that have been received for the interior decoration of the church and parsonage. The work will be done during the month of April. In May the annual meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Protestant denomination will be held here, and women from all over the United States will be in attendance. It is to get ready for this meeting that the church is to be redecorated.

Stockholders' Meeting—A stockholders' meeting of the Chesapeake Coal company is called for this evening, at which meeting details concerning the opening of the company's holdings in Winfield district will be perfected.

Farm Club Work—Club work under the direction of the county farm agent's office is now being started in the schools over the county. The boys' and girls' poultry clubs are already at work and under their supervision several hatches of early chicks will soon be forthcoming. The other clubs are doing nothing specific as yet but in the next three weeks will be hard at work.

Prisoners on Bridge Work—A new floor has been placed in the county covered bridge at Watson by the road prisoners of the county. The prisoners will be put to work replacing the bridges, culverts and bridge abutments washed out by the recent floods.

New Rates for Current—The order granting permission for rate changes to the Monongah Valley Traction company, was entered today by the Public Service Commission at Charleston. The rates were in some instances decreased and in others increased, according to the published schedule advertised by the company earlier in the winter.

Chicken Show Ends—Not a chicken remains in the Armory this evening, the annual poultry show of the Fairmont Poultry Association being brought to a successful close Saturday night with a big attendance of fanciers. The show this year was one of the most successful in the history of the association and its officials are already entertaining plans for the still bigger and better show to be staged next winter.

Drainage Expert at Work—Fred Shafer, government drainage engineer and an expert on the treatment of land with tile and other drainage materials, will conduct demonstration work today and tomorrow on the Tennant and Ammons farms in Paw Paw district. Mr. Shafer was brought here through the efforts of County Agricultural Agent Smith, who has been successful in securing several government experts for demonstration work this spring.

Lincoln Celebration—Prof. W. O. Armstrong and F. H. Jackson are making arrangements for the celebration of Lincoln's birthday this year. The affair will be held in Trinity M. E. church and in addition to numbers by the Fairmont orchestra and the pupils of the school there will be a speak-

er of note. It is possible to secure one.

Mannington Puts Up Bars—At a meeting of the Mannington Board of Health, held Saturday evening, a quarantine was established against children under 16 years old coming from this city.

New Grocery—J. T. Brennan, trading as Brennan & Co., has opened a grocery store in the Yost building on Fairmont avenue.

Services at the Jail—Fifteen young women of the Diamond street Methodist church and their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Reed, held services in the county prison yesterday afternoon.

Seek Louis Margolin.—Simon D. Goodman, of the Underselling store, has received a letter from New York announcing that the parents of Louis Margolin, who live in Bennington, Vermont, are seeking information as to the whereabouts of the young man. He is 26 years old and was graduated from the National Farm school in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, after which he went west. He was last heard from in Kansas City in 1910.

Boys Run Down—While sliding Saturday afternoon Vivian and Ronald Watson, sons of Mrs. Daisy Watson, of Virginia avenue, were struck by an automobile while they were in front of Conner's store at Eighth street. Vivian was slightly hurt.

Fire on East Side—The East Side fire department was called to the home of Will Jenkins of Morgantown avenue at 5:30 p. m. Saturday when fire was discovered in the bath room. Clothing which had been left near the stove in the bath room had caught fire and was destroyed. When the firemen reached the scene of the blaze their services were not required.

Drexel George Here—Drexel George, who for the past several months has been employed in the Cadillac automobile factory offices at Detroit has returned to the city for a short vacation.

Billy May Turned Down—The only business transacted by the City Board of Affairs in session this morning was the rejection of a request from Billy May, colored, for a transfer of his license from Washington street to Water street, East Side.

Operation for Reno Fleming—Reno Fleming underwent an operation on Saturday at the Fairmont hospital from which he is said to be recovering in a satisfactory manner.

Merchant is Recovering—R. C. Jones is ill of grip at his home on Fairmont avenue.

Recovering from Typhoid—Ralph Watkins, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Watkins who is seriously ill of typhoid fever at the home of his parents on Locust avenue is slightly better today.

E. F. Hartland Here—E. F. Hartland, general sales agent of the Commonwealth Fuel company of Pittsburgh, was in Fairmont today going over the local coal situation. Mr. Hartland's firm handles all the coal produced by the Maryland Coal company.

Clearing Bell Office—Workmen are washing the windows, polishing the floors, and doing other bits of finishing to the new Bell Telephone building today, preparatory to the moving in of the company's office force Thursday.

MONONGAH

Home Talent Tonight. Several well known local young people will be seen on the stage this evening when the Thoburn high school will present the western melodrama entitled "Triss, or Beyond the Rockies." Special scenery for the entire production has been painted by Lawrence Boggs. The cast of characters as they will appear this evening are as follows:

- Triss, Angel of Blue Canon..... Kathleen Shaver
Net Jordan..... Raymond Leonard
Net Webber..... Wayne Harden
Jack Hamlin..... Denzil Shaver
Judge Lovetoddy..... Marvin Morris
Hallelujah Billy..... Anton King
Zenas Grimes..... Fay Holbert
Susie Smith..... Loretta Leeson
Mrs. Robie..... Jennie Hewitt
Mrs. Jenelope Prim..... Isola Gandy
Admission will be 15, 25 and 35 cents. The proceeds will be as a benefit to the Thoburn school. Tickets are now on sale at Honaker's Pharmacy.

Final Examinations. February 7 and 8 are the dates on which the final examinations for the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the Monongah public schools will take place. The pupils of the eighth grade who fail to pass this examination will be given another chance to secure their diplomas early in the spring.

Arrived Home. Mrs. C. A. Honaker arrived home Saturday evening after a several weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Milton Bejack, of Alliance, O. Mrs. Bejack has returned with her mother and will spend a short visit in Monongah.

Moving Today. The Windsor Drug company began today to move into its new room in the Carey building on the corner of Main and Bridge streets. By the first of February the store will be equipped ready for business. Many new fixtures are being added.

Personals. L. T. Morrison, who has been ill at his home on Front street for the past week, is gradually improving. Waldron Leonard, of Fairmont, was in Monongah yesterday afternoon calling on friends. Miss Loretta Leeson was in Fairmont during the week attending to shopping. Mrs. Grace Yoak was among the

callers out of town yesterday afternoon. Miss Isola Gandy was in Fairmont Saturday evening. Miss Davinna Watkins attended the Y. W. C. A. reception given by the members of the Y. M. C. A. of the Fairmont normal at the new school building Saturday evening. George Leiving was among the local social visitors in Carolina during the week-end. Mrs. Howard Fleming was in Fairmont Saturday evening attending to shopping. Mrs. J. Lee Jones has been ill at her home on Maple avenue for several days. Miss Lucy Watkins was in Fairmont during the week-end as a social visitor. Mrs. Joe Toll, of Everson, was in Monongah Saturday evening attending to shopping. Isaac Riggs was among the callers in Monongah from Mill Fall during the week-end. Mrs. J. E. Watson, Jr., has been visiting friends out of town for the past few days. Mr. and Mrs. William Leonard, of Viropa, were in Monongah during the week calling with friends and relatives. Miss Maud Yoak, a student in the Wesleyan college was in Monongah Saturday visiting friends and relatives. Mr. John Martin was in Fairmont Saturday evening as a business caller. Miss Hazel Hess spent the week-end with friends in Worthington. William Gaskins is confined to his home in Brookdale suffering from a boil which is located on his face.

“Ethel Conley,” the mayor went on, “forfeits \$10.” Frank Butcher—also forfeits \$10. A. E. Benson, Frank McDonald, Hazel Estep and Elmer Hayes each forfeits \$10. And Brannon who was running the place has left a forfeit of \$15. I’ll fine him \$15.”

With this bunch disposed of, the mayor called Fred Poling, who was arrested Saturday afternoon and held in jail to await a charge of fighting in Carrico’s restaurant. He was allowed to go on his own recognizance until later. Andrew Clayton, 43, one armed and a peddler of pencils, was in again. Andy this time says he was drunk because he had a bad cough on the lungs and took some whiskey. “What will you do if I let you go?” asked the mayor. “I’ll quit drinking,” said Andrew. “Oh, you’ve told me that a dozen times,” said the mayor. “I know,” answered Andy, “but my cold is cured now.”

Business of the mayor knocking to bring the court room to order and to hush the laughter. “I’ll fine you \$10 and remit the fine, but the next time you’re in before me I’m going to put you on the streets for a hundred years.”

The next victim of the Monday morning speeches of the mayor was Squire Simms, colored, who was soaked \$5 for drinking. Simms was not only drunk but he got a slough in the left cheek bone which left the eye just visible. He was struck by Walter Leonard, white, aged 19 years, of Annabelle. Leonard was fined \$5 also for rushing him.

BARCHFIELD LOSES CONTEST, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29.—The State Supreme court today affirmed the Allegheny county court in the matter of the congressional contest in the Thirty-second district between Guy E. Campbell, Democrat, and A. J. Barchfield, Republican, in which Barchfield appealed against the action of the lower court in taking the figures on the tally sheet in preference to the certified return sheets. The tally sheets showed Campbell had a majority over Barchfield.

CLAY CO. PEOPLE ON THE WAR PATH

Notify Booger Hole Denizens to Get Out of the State.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 29.—A special grand jury will be empaneled at Slay Court House today for the purpose of investigating not only the murder of Preston Tanner and the burning of his home at Booger Hole, Clay county, a little over a week ago, but also to ascertain, if possible, the cause of the mysterious deaths of several other persons in that neighborhood during the last few years.

Drew Sampson, aged 57, and his son, Howard, aged about 21, are being held without bond, the former in the Kanawha county jail at Charleston and the latter in the Braxton county jail at Sutton, charged with the Tanner murder and the burning of the Tanner home.

The Booger Hole community has been the scene of about a dozen murders, but because of the fear one class of citizens there had for the other class, but little comment was made following any of the killings. One of the most mysterious cases was that of John Newman, a peddler, who disappeared while going from one farm house to another one evening. He has never been heard from and it is the assumption of the neighborhood that he was murdered. Joseph Clark was another victim. He was sleeping in a school house. He was traced by a streak of blood to a creek nearby, but nothing further was ever learned about him.

Mrs. Lacy Ann Boggs was another victim, her murder having occurred soon after she had made a remark that she knew where Henry Hargis was buried. Hargis was another of the victims whose death has long been shrouded in mystery. Other murders are spoken about in Clay county and no one ever has been convicted. Others aside from the Sampsons are suspected of knowing about the series of murders and a threatening notice has been posted at various places in the Booger Hole community, which reads as follows:

We the citizens of Clay county, seeing that we cannot get justice by law, have organized the Clay County Mob. We have pledged our lives to drive these people from our country or kill them. If we cannot catch and hang you, we shall sneak upon you and kill you as you killed Henry Hargis, Lucy Ann Boggs, the old peddler, and Preston Tanner.

If before you leave there is any stealing, killing or burning, we will get bloodhounds and detectives and run you to the ends of the earth. Bill Sampson, Kooch Sampson, Fred Moore and Aaron Runyon are hereby notified to leave the state in 10 days. Rose Lyons, Bill Moore and Elizabeth Sampson are notified to leave in 30 days.

CLAY COUNTY MOB.

P. S.—Do not stop this side of the Ohio River.

WATER STREET RAID NETS CITY NICE POT

Young Men and Women Fail to Appear in Police Court.

Thomas Brannon's place on Water street, East Side, was pulled last night and five of the city's youth and three girls were pinched. At police court their forfeit of \$1 each were read off by Mayor Bowen, something like this: "Mick Madden, is Mick Madden present? Madden is charged with loitering and forfeits \$10 for his non appearance. "Is Susie Watkins present? She is charged with loitering in a disorderly house. Not here? She also forfeits \$10. "Ethel Conley, is Ethel Conley here?" "That's mutt!" whispered Shanghai to the chief.

OUR CLEAN-SWEEP SALE IS ON! SWEEPING REDUCTIONS IN EVERY LINE OF WEARING APPAREL FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN DURING THIS SALE. PRICES CUT FROM 25 TO 50 PER CENT AND IN MANY INSTANCES SELLING AT LESS THAN HALF PRICE. YOUR BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR MONEY SAVING IS AWAITING YOU HERE IN OUR CLEAN SWEEP SALE.

29c For men's warm ribbed shirts or drawers, worth 50c. 48c For boys' fleece ribbed union suits, worth 65c. 39c For men's or boys' winter dress caps, 50c values. 69c For men's winter weight sweaters coats, \$1.00 value.

23c For ladies' ribbed fleeced vests or pants. 98c For ladies' kid shoes, comfort last, worth double. 48c For ladies' union suits, warm fleeced, 65c value. 98c For double bed size blankets, 2 limit, \$1.50 value.

BLUMBERG BROS. CO. UNDERSELLING STORE. MAIN ST. OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE. FAIRMONT, W. VA. ORIGINATORS AND LEADERS OF LOW PRICES IN FAIRMONT.

MANNINGTON NEWS

Dry. The Buckshere Oil and Gas company found nothing in the thirty-foot sand at the Watson farm test in the Dent's run field. They will go on to the Gordon sand where they have a good chance for a gaser.

Held Meeting. Mrs. Prichard's Bible class of the Presbyterian church held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Prichard on Pleasant street Sunday morning.

Ill. Mrs. Sarah Furbee is ill at her home on Locust street.

Personals. Paul Clelland has returned to Baltimore, Ohio, after a visit in town with his parents. Miss Florence Connelly is ill with tonsillitis at her home on the Burt Hill.

S. E. Leach, of Cameron, was a business visitor in town Saturday. L. S. Schwencik has returned from

a business visit to Pittsburgh. J. Cochran, of the Eureka Pipe Line company, has returned from Oil City where he was looking after business interests. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lockwood, of Washington, D. C., are visitors in town. Ernest Millan has returned from Rymen where he was visiting with his father. L. B. Tennant, of Farmington, is a business visitor in town. Mrs. Thomas J. McKnight, of Washington, Pa., is in town for a visit with relatives. Miss Mary Weekly has returned to her home in Farmington after a visit with relatives here. Andrew Rushford has returned from a business visit to Hurdred. George Ellis, of Moundsville, is a business visitor in this city today. R. H. Stewart, of the Brookside addition, has returned from a business visit to Fairmont. P. E. Church, of Wheeling, is in town looking after business interests.

Brown, Dawson and others. Congressman Neely spoke briefly, but eloquently in praise of the late Judge Moss, and Congressman Littlepage referred to his passing in words trembling with emotion. Others who spoke were Representative Mann, of Illinois; Langley, of Kentucky; Neilson, of Wisconsin, and Webb, of North Carolina.

MONEY TO LOAN in sums of one thousand dollars and upwards, on improved city real estate. G. C. POWELL, City.

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TOMORROW THE Nelson PRESENTS JOHN MASON AND Clara Whipple IN "THE REAPERS" THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PLAY

Albert Jordan...John Mason Rita Jordan...Clara Whipple Little Edna...Joan Morgan A Woman...Kate Lester Jim Shaw...Warne, Oland The Daughter...Rene Dentling Frank Rollins...Pierre LeMay Director...Burton King A powerfully dramatic play with a punch in every scene teaching a moral lesson that never will be forgotten.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Drew IN "It Never Got By" A Drew comedy.

CLEAN SWEEP SALE A Big Success Hundreds of people took advantage of the low prices always to be had at this store. New bargains being placed on our tables each day. Below are a few of the Many Values.

Women's 7.00 Fancy Lace Boots Gray kid with gray kid top. Black Kid with white kid top. Brown kid with white kid top. All gray kid. Special At \$4.50

Men's heavy buckle arctics 89c. Men's \$4.00 Dress Shoes, black or tan. 2.89. Women's half action 59c. Women's \$1.25 felt fur trimmed slippers 85c. Men's dress and work shoes 1.98. Lot Men's \$1 rubbers 49c. Kline's 219 Madison Street Fairmont

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