

WASHINGTON NEWS

GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Congressman H. C. Woodyard was a visitor in the office of Secretary of War Baker today. While it was an official call, it at the same time partook of social qualities, both officials being native-born West Virginians. It is the first time they had met, and their meeting was mutually pleasant. Although of opposite political parties it was remarked by Mr. Woodyard that the campaign hostilities were over and it was the duty of all officials, regardless of party, to work for the progress and well fare of the people through their government. These sentiments were most cordially endorsed by the former Martinsburg boy who, starting as a stenographer, has arrived in the cabinet of the President of the United States.

The official business which took Congressman Woodyard to the War Department was to bring to the attention of the engineering department the letter of Mayor P. H. Anderson, of Friendly, and a petition signed by citizens of that town, urging that the government remove an obstruction in the Ohio river at that place which is in the shape of an old wing dam built of loose stone which, since the completion of the big modern dam at Ben's run, serves no good purpose, it is alleged, but rather is an obstruction. The original purpose of the old dam was to deepen the channel between Matamoros and Friendly. In high water times, it has aided destruction, and when the river is at a low stage it prevents boats landing at Friendly, according to the allegations made by the mayor and citizens of that place. Mr. Woodyard was assured that the complaint would be investigated without delay and he would be kept informed of its progress.

A petition, signed by E. A. Ingersoll and numerous other employees of the postoffice at Parkersburg, including railway mail clerks, was offered in the House today by Congressman Woodyard. The preamble of the petition sets forth the fact of the increased cost of living and asks congress to pass legislation in the form of salary increase to meet it.

An effort to remove the postmistress at Needmore, Hardy county, who is Mrs. B. F. Reed, is being resisted by many patrons of the office and by Congressman Geo. M. Bowers in whose Congressional bailiwick the office is located. Charges have been filed against the incumbent which she has answered in such a satisfactory manner, so Col. Bowers claimed to the officials at the Postoffice Department as to justify prompt and complete vindication. The office, though a small one, has stirred up a contest disproportionate with its size in which small neighborhood gossip and quarrel figures. It has been the cause of Col. Bowers making more than one trip to the Postoffice Department to take up the case in person with the official having it in charge.

Four special pension bills introduced by Congressman Adam B. Littlepage, have passed the House, being included in the first batch of such bills to be passed by the lower branch of Congress at the present session. Those to benefit by these bills, providing they pass the Senate and are signed by the President, which is almost a surety, are:

Andrew J. Esene, of Charleston, who will receive \$20 a month; David W. Anderson, of Dana, Kanawha county, \$40; Spencer Phillips, of Buckhannon, \$40; and James Crites, of Buckhannon, \$30.

Mr. Littlepage introduced special pension bills today as follows:

To grant a pension of \$50 a month to Thos. Swinburn, of Charleston; \$50 to Isaac Conner, of Charleston, and \$30 a month to Emma M. Greenlee, of Charleston.

The Pension Bureau has notified Mr. Littlepage that the claim for a pension filed by him with that Bureau had been allowed at the rate of \$12 a month from September 1915, together with accrued pension due her husband at the time of his death.

To restore the mail car service, ordered discontinued by the Postoffice Department on the Loop Creek branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad was the occasion of a visit made to that department by Congressman Littlepage today. The order discontinuing this service has aroused a storm of protest from citizens in the mining villages scattered along that branch road.

Halle H. Stollings has been appointed postmaster at Morrisvate, Boone county, succeeding H. F. Morton, resigned; Jacob W. McGinnis at Clear Creek, Raleigh county, in the place of Mrs. L. J. Lilly, resigned; Walter C. Williams at Holcomb, Nicholas county, succeeding C. L. Swink, resigned; Robert L. Locks at Finch, Ritchie county, in the place of R. A. Terry, resigned.

Through the efforts of Congressman

Cooper the order of the postal authorities discontinuing the postoffice at Wharncliffe, Mingo county, has been rescinded. The patrons of that small office earnestly protested to Mr. Cooper against the abolishment of their office and he saved it for them by personally looking after the matter.

The special mail service from Poca to Winton, Kanawha county, has been ordered discontinued December 15. Star service has been established between Sunlight and Renick, W. Va., a distance of 13 miles and back, and the contract for carrying the mail on this route has been awarded to Clowrie C. Hedrick, of Greenbrier county.

A. A. Lilly, attorney general of West Virginia, accompanied by Z. Taylor Vinson, of Huntington, are in the capital. Mr. Lilly is quoted in an interview published in West Virginia as saying that the defeat of Judge Ira E. Robinson for governor marked the "end of machine rule" in his state; also, that he did what he could to promote Republican success in West Virginia, but was in a hospital most of the time during the campaign. However, he referred to his statement when he withdrew his contest that he had advised his followers to support Judge Robinson. The interview caused much jocular discussion among the West Virginia politicians here this week, and many amusing comments were made on it.

Another leading politician of the state who is a late arrival is Democratic State Chairman Clem Shaver, of Fairmont, the second in command to the supreme leader of the Democratic party in West Virginia, National Committeeman Clarence L. Watson. Chairman Shaver is a much sought out individual by West Virginia Democrats in Washington, who with one accord appear to realize that a word from him will go a long way with National Committeeman Watson. Mr. Shaver is busy meeting those who are seeking his influence, a number of whom have slipped away from their homes in West Virginia to come here to see him on this trip.

Late arrivals from West Virginia are Mrs. William Haines Smith, of Parkersburg; Misses Nellie Manning and Mary Gorman, of Clarksburg; Clarence E. Martin, of Martinsburg; Judge E. G. Smith, of Clarksburg; Frederick Santley, of Martinsburg; Geo. H. Hoffmeyer, of Clarksburg; J. F. Youse, of Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Skelton, of Tamroy; Miss Catherine Sharpless, of Keyser; L. West, of Gerardstown; Myron H. Marsh, of Bluefield; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Howard, of Huntington; Judge Jake Fisher, of Sutton, and Col. John T. McGraw, of Grafton.

Senator William E. Chilton has succeeded to the chairmanship of the committee on printing of the Senate. It has been announced. He has been an active member of that committee. He still retains his chairmanship of the committee on the census.

One day this week Congressman H. C. Woodyard will introduce a resolution in the House setting a date for the holding of a memorial service in the House in honor of the memory of the late Congressman Hunter Holmes Moss, Jr., who was a member of the present Congress at the time of his death last summer. Mr. Woodyard is



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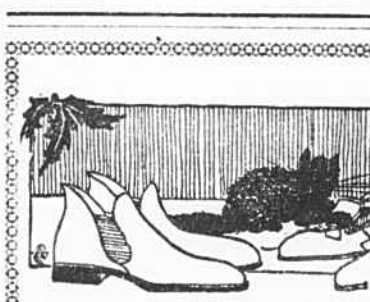
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Evening Chat

It is remarkable how quickly mankind adapts itself to changed conditions of living and right here in Fairmont this has been particularly noticeable since the coming of winter—the weather changing as it did almost overnight from a warm and pleasant autumn day to a cold blustery winter blizzard of snow and chilling wind. And with the change of weather the entire appearance of the town and the people who live in it changed also.

School children—boys and girls that only a few days ago were playing football and taking long walks in the afternoon, are now found on every side street coasting down the natural slopes of the city, shouting and enjoying the season to their utmost. As for the grown up boys and girls that are seen on the streets downtown even their very walk and gestures have changed.

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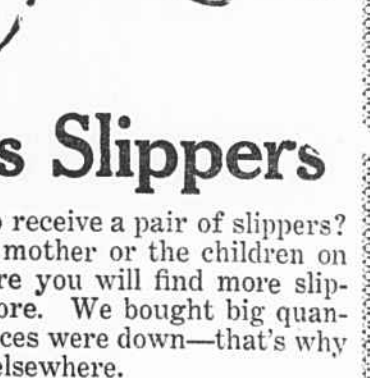
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FAIRVIEW.

Mrs. Martland, of Franklin, Pa. is visiting her sister, Mrs. P. L. Dempsey. Mrs. W. D. Yost, Mrs. A. M. Haines, Sr., Mrs. Ralph Machesney, Mrs. Edna Yost and Mrs. Clyde Machesney were at Fairmont shopping Wednesday.

Karl Hamilton, Irvin Toothman and Albert Ammons, Jr., and Harry Luton, were business visitors in Fairmont Wednesday.

Mrs. J. S. Morris, of Fairmont, was visiting her father, C. Toothman, Wednesday.

Mrs. Harvey Ricketts and niece, Mrs. Gentry, will spend Christmas with relatives in Virginia.

Mrs. May Flowers has returned from Wallace where she had been spending a few weeks.

Mrs. Harry Seymour has returned from Clarksburg where she had been spending a few weeks.

Mrs. J. L. Tennant, Mrs. Louise Syple, Misses Opal Lee Batson and Ruby Snodgrass were at Fairmont shopping Wednesday.

Miss Fitzhugh, of the Fairmont Normal, will be a week-end guest of Mrs. H. W. Drago and Miss Margaret Chalfant.

Pinkney Wilson was a business visitor at Fairmont Wednesday.

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RIVER BEND.

Mrs. Alice Powell, who has been in bad health for a long time, is very sick at this time. She has a complication of diseases and is in a serious condition.

Fay, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doll Guthrie, has been real sick the past few days with something like tonsillitis.

Smith Wisman is seriously ill and not expected to live very long.

George Robey, who sustained serious injuries when he fell from a wagon shed loft, about four weeks ago, is beginning to sit up now.

Miss Ivy Gabbert has pneumonia fever. She had an attack of pneumonia, following whoopingcough about three months ago.

Mrs. Martha Henry spent some days last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fanny Stephens and shopping in Morgantown.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Coombs and son, Ralph, were visiting relatives at Little Falls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Lanham were visiting the latter's parents, Mr. Phillips and wife at Opekiska from Thursday until Sunday and returned by way of Lock 13.

Jesse and John Barnes were calling on friends in the "Bend" Sunday afternoon and attended Young People's meeting Sunday night at Grant.

Misses Madge and Mary Summers were visiting their aunt, Mrs. Em Coombs, Sunday.

Misses Goldie and Zelma Trippett spent some days with their parents last week. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Allen, of Fairmont.

Miss Sallie Barnes has been staying at C. L. Lanham's the past few weeks.

Frank H. Trippett is taking his annual vacation now. Mr. Tichenell, of Little Falls, is working in his place.

Roy Johnson has completed his new dwelling house and moved into it about two weeks ago. Will Devault, of Beechwood, moved into the house which Mr. Johnson vacated.

Tom Johnson has moved into part of Ora Arnett's house.

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