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Third Floor.



EAST SIDE NEWS

Went to Homestead
E. C. Rowand, of East Park avenue, went to Homestead, Pa., to spend Christmas with Mr. Rowand and son, Jack, who are guests of her mother, Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson, who has been very ill for some time remains in a serious condition.

Spent Christmas Here
Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, of Shinnston, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elliott and son, of Clarksburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lute Brown, of Diamond street, yesterday.

Y. M. W. Club
Mrs. Earl Dancer and Mrs. Arthur Brown will entertain the Y. M. W. club tomorrow afternoon at Mrs. Dancer's home on Maryland avenue. The club's Christmas box will be an interesting feature at this meeting.

Returned to Pittsburgh
Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Springer and son, who spent the past few days here, left today for their home in Pittsburgh. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Springer's sister, Miss Viola McElfresh.

At Morgantown
Miss Ethel and Rebecca Summers spent Christmas at Morgantown. The former has returned home but Miss Rebecca will remain there for several days.

Home For the Holidays
Miss Alta Reeves, of the W. V. U., is spending the holidays at her home on Morgantown avenue.

Will Return Here
Levi Jones, who has been employed at Akron, for some time will return home the last of the week.

Guest of Parents
Cecll G. Rice, of Pittsburgh, arrived here Sunday evening to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Rice, of Guffey street.

PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. Crisler arrived here Sunday evening to visit their daughter, Mrs. Jesse Rex.
Oward Henderson has returned to his home at Grafton after a few days' visit.
The Misses Bishop, of Buckhannon, are visiting relatives here.
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Poppe of Tri-connell, spent Sunday here.
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carpenter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Irons at Colfax yesterday.
Miss Gertrude Criss is able to be out after a few days' illness.
Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, of State street, are visiting in Grafton.
Mrs. Beryl Criss spent Sunday at Gypsy.
Mrs. T. D. Harden is able to be out after an attack of grippe.
John Poppe and George Donham have returned from a short stay in Wheeling.
Miss Minnie Cumpston was in Grafton yesterday.

LOCUST PLAGUE HITS NORTHERN ARGENTINE CROP

These With Drought Threat en to Cut Production in Half.

STOP RAILWAY TRAFFIC

Government is Waging Vigorous Fight Using Metallic Barriers.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23.—The plague of locusts that has assailed the crops of the northern provinces of the republic is slowly working its way southward. These insects, together with an unprecedented drought, threaten to reduce the crops by half, and in some sections by an even greater percentage.

The locust comes from some part of the unexplored region of southern Brazil and pours over the country in great streams so thick and long as to often darken the sun. From Pena today there comes a dispatch saying that a stream extending over 30 kilometers has settled upon the fields and left no green thing in that part. The young, hatched from the millions of eggs deposited, have in places covered the railway so thickly as to impede traffic and trains have been stalled until the insects have been shovelled from the tracks and burned in ditches.

The government is waging a vigorous fight but seems to be making little headway. The Department of Agriculture defense has 20,000,000 meters of metallic barriers for the purpose of penning swarms which are then burned, trampled by farm animals or buried. This is accomplished because the young locust is without wings. It much resembles a young grasshopper except its coloring is much brighter, red and yellow, black and green, predominating.

From the eggs of the flying locusts, which are always deposited on the hard roads, millions of these bright hued, hopping insects come to assault the fields on either side. Besides the wire barriers the government is also using an apparatus which resemble a gasoline blow pipe. The farmers are being instructed to dig trenches about their fields, drive the hopping locusts into them and with the aid of the gasoline blowpipe burn the mass. Millions have already been thus destroyed but telegraphic reports from all over the northern half of the republic report other millions arriving.

So serious has become the situation that the government has threatened to fine all farmers who fail to maintain corps of men for the purpose of fighting the pest, and the railways have been asked to transport free of charge all locust fighting apparatus.

Devastated fields threaten to occasion the starvation of many head of cattle and the railways, at the request of the government, have made a 25 per cent reduction in the rates for the transportation of live stock, to remain effective until February 28 of next year. By this means stock can be hauled from the devastated regions to provinces of the south. The lives of thousands of thousands of animals will thus be saved.

The progress of the swarms of flying locusts is daily being telegraphed ahead, direction and speed of flight being given so that the farms about to be attacked can prepare. These telegraphic notices are published in the press and have grown to occupy columns.

The insect crop has already gone. At times a million tons of this has been exported annually to the United States. The promised shortage of the wheat crop has caused a considerable advance in the price of bread and the Agrarian League has petitioned the government for the imposition of an embargo on the shipment of wheat in order "to obliterate further exploitation of the public." This is the first time such a request has been made in Argentina, one of the wheat and meat storehouses of the world.

Investigate Cost of Living in Charleston

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 25.—A joint committee comprising representatives of nearly all the civil, industrial and commercial organizations of Charleston, will this week meet with Mayor George E. Brecken for the purpose of planning a means of reducing the high cost of living.

Some of the members of this committee claims to have evidence to show that many wholesalers have needlessly added to the price of commodities and have urged retailers to follow out a scheme of systematic advancement of prices "because others are doing it."

GIRLS GET BONUS

All female employees in the McCrory 5 & 10 cent store who have given continuous service for one year or longer, were presented by the manager at the close of business Saturday night, December 23, with Christmas checks from the New York office in amounts proportionate to length of service. The custom of rewarding faithful employees at Christmas time is usual in all of the 150 McCrory stores and this year was only a continuance of a policy begun many years ago.

BELLANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

BOYS MAKE SHELLS FATHERS AND BROTHERS USE



YOUNG FRANCE IN THE MUNITION SHOPS! This picture, exclusive to The West Virginian, shows a few of the hundreds of French boys working in war factories, making shells and other munitions for their fathers and brothers to use at the front.

Evening Chat

Times like Christmas cause the spirit of even the youngest children and the oldest men to stir with a desire to express their longings and often times this desire bears fruit in a verse. Knowing this feeling that is now in the heart of every person in the community we were expecting to receive some sort of Christmas ballad from one of our readers. And such proved to be true.

The following effort came in a letter postmarked Monongah and no name was signed to it. This was likely an oversight on the part of the little girl that wrote it. It must have been a little girl that wrote the verse and a very small little girl at that. But with all its faults and early English spelling the thing has an undoubted human appeal and is sincere:

Oh Santa Claus I inter fear,
To think that you are getting near
But all I want is just a drum
My Daddy bin drunk and I am afraid
You won't come.

But only when I do groe older,
I do my best to keep dad sober,
But whiskey dosen leave no joy,
I hope Dad leaves whiskey alone and
bin me toys.

Now as all fathers do, they like their
booze,
But with familys at home, they auten
to do,
They aut to rest with Christmas joys,
And stay at home and play with their
boys.

Oh Christmas dear, your almost here,
Our happiness will all be tears.
The other day I was so shocked
A sad report my father shot.

A happy Christmas was we to have,
Our Christmas now will be so sad,
But days will come and days will go,
But I never forget that terrible blow.

Oh people sais don't inter fear,
Oh stay back and don't go so near,
But fighting was his only fun,
Was to inter tear before a gun.

PURE BLOOD

The Greatest Blessing Mankind Can Have.

Many West Virginia people need this powerful vegetable remedy that puts the stomach, liver and bowels in fine condition; that clears the skin of pimples, rash, blemishes, and eczema; that dissolves boils and carbuncles; that makes nerves stronger and steadier and gives to pale, weak, run-down people the fullest measure of health and happiness.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, free from alcohol or narcotics, does just what is stated above, simply because it banishes from the blood all poison and impure matter. It dissolves the impure deposits and carries them out, as it does all impurities, through the Liver, Bowels, Kidneys and Skin.

If you have a bad cough, bronchial, nasal or other catarrh, unsteady nerves or unsightly skin, get Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to-day and start at once to replace your impure blood with the kind that puts energy and ambition into you and brings back youth and vigorous action.

All medicine dealers can supply you in either liquid or tablet form or send 50 cents for trial box of tablets to Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. Write for free booklet on blood.

HOME FOLKS SPEAK.

Clarksburg, W. Va.—"I found the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Favorite Prescription together were excellent medicines to cleanse and purify the system. I took them because they were recommended in the store in Jarvisville, W. Va. I found them all right—very good medicines. I cheerfully recommend them, and would not hesitate to use them again."—Mrs. I. GOLDSMITH, 112 School St., Clarksburg, West Va.

Court News

Marriage Licenses
Denzel L. Huey, 22, and Ora B. Henry, 22, Mannington.
Henry Riefer, 26, and Ruby Talkington, 21, Fairmont.
E. Marion Rudy, 23, and M. Goldie Henderson, 21, Hammond.
Vance H. Keener, 21, and Ada Shackelford, 19, Fairmont.
Clarence B. Carpenter, 21, and Mary Elizabeth Linn, 22, Fairmont.
Emora R. Toothman, 23, Mannington, and Blanche Tennant, 19, Fairview.
Denzil Carpenter, 18, and Thelma T. Rogers, 17, Fairmont.
Clyde Jarret, 23, Meadowbrook, and Maude Hissen, 26, Everson.
Ivan Cartwright, 20 and Dessie Shreve 19, Mannington.
Levi Pinner, 30, and Louise Strauss, Mannington.

GRAFTON LODGE CELEBRATES.
GRAFTON, Dec. 25.—Grafton Lodge No. 31, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Grafton, has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its institution. Harry W. Turner, of Grafton, and Samuel C. Graham, of Columbus, O., were presented with lodge jewels as surviving charter members of the lodge.

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With Theodor's Black-Draught.

McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whitaker, of this place, "with sick headache, and stomach trouble.

Ten years ago a friend told me to try Theodor's Black-Draught, which I did, and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and it does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught."

Theodor's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

It has been in constant use for more than 70 years, and has benefited more than a million people.

Your druggist sells and recommends Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get a package to-day. N. C. 123

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and value of our many beautiful and attractive game birds.

Parties interested may obtain a copy of the report by addressing J. A. Viquesney, Forest, Game and Fish Warden, Beilington, West Virginia.

The second part of the report contains discussions of the various subjects embraced in it to report and points out that West Virginia presents ideal attractions not only from the standpoint of hunting and fishing, but presents beautiful forests and scenic drives unexcelled by any state in the Union. With good roads crossing the state it is suggested that hundreds of tourists will be attracted and take advantage of the great opportunities furnished for recreation and health.

A resident hunter's license of \$1.00 is recommended in order to supply funds for better protection to game, fish and forests and especially to stock up some sanctuaries in each county and thus insure an adequate propagation and distribution of game throughout the whole state. It is stated that thousands of acres of land not suitable for any other purpose should be stocked with deer and that an acre or two of swamp or waste land on each farm can be turned into ponds for raising fish and be made more profitable than any part of the farm.

The protection of forests from fire by a systematic co-operation of state, federal government and private ownership has saved millions of dollars each year. Before any organized effort was made to discover and control forest fires, four or five millions of dollars were lost annually in forest products, which has been reduced to an annual loss of less than two hundred thousand dollars. It has been found that by a system of lookout stations, patrol routes supplied with telephone communication that fires can be discovered and extinguished in their early stages before they have done great damage.

By protecting the forest land from fire, the haunts of the game and birds are also protected and thousands of eggs which were formerly destroyed are now hatched which accounts for the rapid increase of the ruffed grouse and many other birds.

The concluding part of the report is by Earle A. Brooks, Consulting Ornithologist, and gives a detailed account of the game birds of the state, illustrated by many beautiful pictures taken from real bird life in West Virginia and fully describes the habits

SHOOTING AT OCEAN MINE.
CLARKSBURG, Dec. 26.—Reuben White, an Alabama negro, is a prisoner in the county jail charged with feloniously shooting Warren Richardson, a white man, last night at Ocean Mines, near here, where both are employed as coal miners. Richardson is a prisoner at St. Mary's hospital here with a bullet wound in a thigh. He will recover.

The Popular Specialty Store for Women's and Misses' Apparel

STORE OPENS 8 O'clock STORE CLOSES 5:30

Courtney's
DRESS FOR WOMEN

After Christmas Bargains

This Week Odd Lots That We Wish to Be Quickly Rid of Will Be Bobbing Up Here and There All Through the Store. Many Special Bargains.

Mrs. Ice is Buried Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Melissa Ice, widow of Andrew F. Ice, whose death occurred on Saturday morning at her home at Watson, were conducted Sunday afternoon from the First Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member. A large concourse of friends attended the services, which were conducted by Rev. W. J. Eddy, pastor of the church. Following the general services the body was conveyed to Woodlawn cemetery, where it was laid to rest.

Six nephews of the deceased acted as pallbearers. They were Messrs. Henry Hamilton, Arch Hamilton, Carl Hamilton, Frank Hamilton, William Hamilton and Leslie Hamilton.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heart-felt thanks to our many friends, especially Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson, for their sympathy and kindness during the sickness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. Melissa Ice, of Watson.—The Children.

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cause headache, biliousness, constipation, impure blood and other unpleasant symptoms. If these troubles are neglected they weaken the body and open the way for serious illness. Many chronic diseases may be traced back to indigestion that could have been immediately relieved by

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Large Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold Everywhere. In boxes, 10c, 25c.

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The more you have with which to buy, the happier it makes you.

If you had all the money you wanted to spend—just to make others happy, you would be one of the most joyous creatures in all the world. Now wouldn't you?

Plenty of money at Christmas gives you loads of GOOD WILL—a more buoyant, bounding feeling and belief in yourself that will stay with you all through the New Year.

To Have Money in Abundance—Join The National Bank of Fairmont's CHRISTMAS CLUB

Walk right into this bank and say: "I want to talk to you about the Christmas Savings Club. I want to join the class that gets \$63.75"—or whatever amount you think you need; and remember, this Christmas Club is a club that appreciates the value of small amounts.

It's SO EASY to Drop in a Little Change Now and Then as the Year Progresses

Actually, you hardly miss it, and every penny stands upon the other and fairly shouts for more interest until your pile of money brings a big fat check just before Christmas and you go forth to make your Christmas all you've wanted it to be.

Pick your class now!

Choose Your Club From Thirteen Classes

To make it easy for you we have arranged these classes to meet every requirement.

Come in and see which one suits you best.