

The West Virginian THE PAPER THAT GOES HOME. ...

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By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall. ... GOOD FOURTH PROGRAM.

A result of the meeting Saturday morning of the committee appointed by J. Walter Barnes, chairman of the Marion county Council of Defense, Fairmont is assured of a worthy celebration of the anniversary of the Republic's birthday on Thursday. ...

CROOKED BUSINESS.

SOME time since the Senate directed the Federal Trade Commission to make an investigation into price fixing as it is practiced in this country, and late Saturday the commission handed in a report which showed what the commission calls "inordinate greed and barefaced fraud" tending to defeat the purpose of price fixing, which is to cut the price to the consumer down to as small a figure as is consistent with a reasonable profit for producer and distributor. ...

KEEP FIT.

THE soldier must be in good physical condition to do the best fighting—he must keep fit. The general who commands must keep fit—General exercises, and the general always is in the "pink of condition." ...

WHAT FOOD SAVING DID.

HERBERT HOOVER, Food administrator, the other day told newspaper men in Washington that during February and March our allies in Europe were starving to the point of licking the platter. In London, in March, there were always 200,000 or more people in line waiting for a chance to get food supplies. In April the foods saved by Americans began reaching Europe in quantity. ...

larger degree enter into the war management's policy. The old claim that informing the American people as to what they've done in informing the enemy is pretty much worn out. Germany knows our resources, knows that we're in it for all we're worth and very likely knows what we've accomplished better than does the American public. ...

LOWERING THE COST OF LIVING.

THANKS to the activities of members of the Women's club Fairmont is to have a Price Interpreting committee working under the jurisdiction of the County Food administrator, and the retail grocers of the city at their meeting tomorrow night will take up the question of putting the trade upon a cash and carry basis. ...

In turning a successful defensive into what appears to be an equally successful offensive General Diaz has furnished lay observers another surprise. This is precisely what the average man unfamiliar with military conditions as they exist in the present war regarded as the logical outcome of a good defensive campaign; it was what most people expected would be the course pursued by General Foch on the west front after he became commander in chief of all the armies. ...

Advice from American headquarters in France are to the effect that an important drive at the American front is momentarily expected. If it comes it may be regarded as marking the end of the effort of the German military authorities to belittle the American force in the war. ...

According to a summary given out at Washington yesterday the American army has lost 1,491 men killed in action and 479 died of wounds out of 10,383 casualties. This is a large number, but it is small compared with the losses in the first year of the other nations that are in the war against Germany. ...

This is Chautauqua week in Fairmont and it will pay men and women well to devote a few hours each day to attending the various sessions. The program is very interesting in every part. ...

SHORT AND SNAPPY

- Do your own bit courageously, effectively, patriotically well before taking a slam at the other fellow.—Kanawha News. We would hate to be a farmer five miles out on a bad road, but could enjoy being one ten miles out on a good road.—West Virginia News. Some time ago Secretary McAdoo crowded a little paragraph into his daily publicity columns in advocacy of mended trousers as a measure of economy. ...

June Circulation

Table showing the circulation of The West Virginian for the month of June, 1918. Total for 25 days: 136,653. Daily Average for June: 5,466. Daily Average for May: 5,395.

RUFF STUFF General Abe Lilly has come out for Hughes. Know that was coming for Harry Brand has been for Hughes from the start. Lamp in the Astonisher this morning that grocers will welcome honest criticism. Don't know of anything of which there is a larger supply around here than criticism of the grocers. Impossible to say how much of it is "honest" but most of it would not go through the mails, or look good in the columns of a family newspaper. Emperor Charles has commended Premier von Seydler to carry on the government, but failed to tell him how to do it.—Amsterdam dispatch. Maybe Seydler could get a few useful pointers from old friends Trotsky and Lenin. They are about the only guys on earth who know how to ride on the top of a sea of trouble and call it governing. Ben Tillman is reported to be desperately ill in Washington. That's bad news for the whole country. There isn't a lot of honest to goodness Americanism in Congress from the south and if Pitchfork Ben goes he will leave a big hole in that respect. At any rate Dick Guy's ball tossers had to play like the dickens to win both of those victories they took back to Pittsburgh. And when baseball is coming like that it does not matter very much which side wins. Special from Morgantown says all the West Virginia colleges will have football in the field this fall. But what the folks want most to know is whether the little exars on the athletic committees will let them play against each other. Football interest is going to take a big slump if all the games are with Oshkosh, Timbuctoo, red men and chinks. And football goes a long way toward being the meal ticket of all athletes when it is going good.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks The community spirit is developing in West Virginia. Listen to what Charles Smoot, of Parkersburg, said to The Charleston Gazette: "Charleston's good luck is not begrudged her by the other cities of the state for her greatness will reflect upon all of them and that section of the state for a hundred or more miles radius will be almost, if not as greatly benefited by the wonderful improvement as the capital city will. Parkersburg is glad to congratulate Charleston for we know that we will also share in the prosperity which has been brought to the state." W. M. Rogers, president of the West Virginia Federation of Labor, gave an interview to The Wheeling Majority of last week, in which he said: "For the first time in history, a Fourth of July celebration will be held by union miners at Monongah. These men, just organized, plan a mammoth celebration to be held at Look park. Several speakers will be secured and a parade put on as a special feature. Arrangements had been made to have an Italian band located at Monongah play at the demonstration. I asked the leader of the band if the band were union. He told me it was not, and when I told him that a non-union band could not play at a celebration by union men he gave me his application for organization. This band will be organized before July 4 and will play at the celebration."

BITS OF STATE NEWS That M. Z. White, warden of the West Virginia penitentiary at Mounds office longer than July 31, when his nominal term will expire, is attested by the fact that he has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for state senator in the Sixth district, composed of the counties of Wayne, Mingo, McDowell, and Wyoming, and made known his decision to re-establish his home at Williamson the Mingo county capital, within the next two weeks, says the Wheeling Intelligencer. During his hurry in changing the register on an O. V. E. R'y car recently, says the Ceredo Advance, Conductor Charles Hatfield placed a dime in his mouth and during the contortions necessary in manipulating the indicator that tells how many nickels have been collected, he accidentally swallowed the dime, or rather he accidentally attempted to do so. But in this the dime rebelled and instead of going clear down into Mr. Hatfield's "lunch basket" sought refuge in his windpipe. As the coin refused to budge, the conductor gave it no moment. However, about thirty-six hours later old Nature asserted herself, when the conductor was seized with a violent cough, and about the second cough up came the dime, neither Mr. Hatfield nor the metallic substance being much the worse off for the experience. According to the Alderson Advertiser W. L. Boyd, of Eagle Branch, one day last week had a very exciting adventure with a copperhead snake. Mr. Boyd was blowing corn on his farm with a young horse, when he saw a toad hop rapidly along ahead of the horse. In investigating to ascertain the cause of the toad's alarm he saw a large copperhead snake following after it. The snake, instead of changing its course to pass in front of the horse, crawled under the animal and Mr. Boyd, who was hanging onto the lines to prevent the colt from breaking away, was pulled over by the snake, which wrapped itself around his leg but was brushed off by him before it could strike. The reptile showed fight and Mr. Boyd ran and got his bee and dispatched it. He says the snake was about four feet long. Senator H. S. White, of Matewan, Mingo county, seized with an attack of appendicitis while turing the northern part of the state last week, and was rushed to a hospital in Baltimore, Md., for an operation, says the Mingo Republican. Mrs. White left for Baltimore immediately upon receipt of the telegram announcing the illness of her husband. Mr. White is seventy-eight years of age and his general health has been good during the past few years. His speedy recovery is hoped for by a legion of friends in this section. Last week's Belington Progressive came up Saturday did great damage to the farming section in Valley district. It seems that morning about one or two o'clock and the storm followed the old trail of hurricane twenty years ago. Corn fields, wheat fields, clover fields potato fields in fact all vegetation in the path of this unprecedented hail storm, were damaged to such an extent that it is counted as a total loss to many of the farmers. Wind-blow lights were broken out of the farm houses. Roofs were riddled full of holes. The hail in some places was found to be six inches deep and was gathered up during Saturday by the wagon load. All the way from Rinehart to Lovett Chapel in Valley district the storm did its worst. Some damage was done to the gardens in Belington but only the outer edge of its path was in the town. A. T. Thornhill, Henry England, Morris Bolton, Henry Day and many others in the Concord section have suffered great losses. All day Saturday and Sunday it felt like the whole valley here was a refrigerator, so low was the temperature. Many people donned their winter clothing for the two or three days following.

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