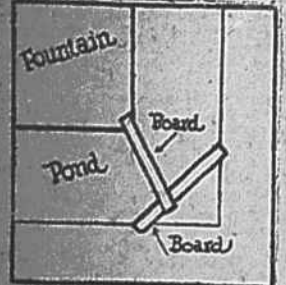


Town Talk

A PUZZLE A DAY. A cornerstone of an old building was replaced following collapse of the structure.



Yesterday's answer: It was a simple matter to bridge the pond with two boards.

RADIO PROGRAM.

Program Tonight. 7 p. m.—News. "Under the Evening Lamp"—copyrighted stories furnished by the Youth's Companion.

morning only routine business was taken up. Fire Alarm—Fire in a trash basket was the cause of an alarm to be sent to the central fire station at noon today from a home in Spring street.

Scarlet Fever—Lawrence Boyd, a youth employed in the mailing department of The West Virginian, is confined to his home in Front street with scarlet fever.

Whinnie-Matthews—Thomas R. Whinnie and Miss Virginia Pauline Matthews both of Farmington, were married this morning in the parlor of the Watson Hotel by the Rev. J. C. Broomfield, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Temple.

Returned to Their Home—Mrs. Katherine Mason and Mrs. James Watson of Beaver Falls, Pa., who spent the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Broomfield at their home in Fourth street, left this morning for their home. Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Watson are aunts of Doctor Broomfield.

Office Force Entertained—Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hefflin entertained the members of the office force of the power department of the Monongahela Power & Railway Co. last evening at their home in the Speedway.

Radio Dinner Party—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Patton are entertaining at a radio dinner party this evening at their home in Cleveland avenue to honor their guests, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Jolliffe of Grafton, who are spending the week end at the Patton home.

Square Dance—A square dance will be held Monday evening at the Italian-American Building on the corner of Madison and Jackson streets. Special music will be provided.

FINANCEERS MAY SETTLE QUESTION OF REPARATIONS. (Continued from Page One)

tion as to what attitude the sound- ing out process may have developed in European capitals.

Claim Germany Opposed. PARIS, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—France has made an intensive study of the reparations questions for the last four years and is convinced that Germany does not want to restore her financial stability if such a step means payment in full of a reasonable war indemnity.

HARVEY RESTAURANT TO REOPEN MONDAY. Harvey's Restaurant in Madison street will re-open at 11 o'clock Monday morning under the management of the new owners, J. C. Richards and L. G. Richards of Morgantown.

TEST QUESTIONS IN SCHOOLS PREPARED. Examination lists of questions, to be given to pupils of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of Marion County, will be sent out to the teachers of the schools the latter part of next week.

No Police Court Today—City officers did not make an arrest yesterday or last night, and as a result the regular 9 o'clock session of police court was dispensed with.

Yost Here—E. A. Yost of Morgantown, author of the Yost Prohibition Law, was in the city for a short while this morning.

Stolen Car Found—A Dodge roadster belonging to June Stuck of this city has been located in Belington, according to information from that town today. The car was stolen in this city several days ago. Policeman W. A. Dignan went to Belington this morning to get the stolen car.

Accepts Position—Mrs. Olivia Haight, Pittsburgh, has accepted a position as stenographer to Ernest Bartlett, B. and O. trainmaster.

Winding Up Business—The Marion County Court was in session the entire morning and will continue in session this afternoon in effort to clear up many business matters before the beginning of the new year. At the meeting this

GRANT TOWN

To Start Meetings. The revival meetings will open at Ballah Chapel next Sunday evening with a sermon by the Rev. J. S. Tyler, pastor of the church, at 7:30 p. m. This year's meetings are beginning one day in advance of the revival conducted at Ballah Chapel last year, which lasted the entire month of January.

To Fairmont. Mrs. John Compton and family left here the latter part of the week for Fairmont. In the future they will reside on the East Side in that city, instead of in Grant Town, where they have lived for several years.

Christmas Program. A Christmas program composed of a pageant and cantata was given at Ballah Chapel Sunday evening. The entertainment was given by the young people of the community and the Misses Ice served as directors.

Personals. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cross and children were the guests of Mrs. Cross' parents at Hoodsville yesterday.

Town Elections. (Continued from Page One)

ing of a definite nature, although it was evident that many thought there would be but one ticket in the field. The Peoples' party ticket, now in the field, is as follows: Mayor—George Fleming.

Recorders—W. E. Haggerty, Councilmen—French, Colin, Harry Bennett, Tom Rogers, W. H. McDonald and George Thompson.

Klux Chief. J. K. Skipworth is head of the Ku Klux Klan in Morehouse Parish, La.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. The following real estate transfers have been recorded at the office of County Clerk Lee N. Satterfield:

O. E. Sims and Bessie M. Sims, W. W. Murphy and Virginia Murphy to Jessie M. Hess, a parcel of real estate at Sunshine, Manning District; consideration \$1, etc.

Bank of Mannington to U. H. Debenardier, a parcel of land in Mannington, a consideration \$5500. Fidella Sharp to Minerva Sturn a parcel of real estate in Worthington; consideration \$4,800.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. The following marriage licenses have been issued at the office of County Clerk Lee N. Satterfield: Sophia Shulek, 21, and John Kubas, 24, both of Rivesville.

Pete Sobak, 25, and Mary Mankut, 18, both of Ida May, Pete Mankut, father of the girl, gave his consent in person.

James W. Critchfield, 26, Washington, D. C., and Monna B. Mason, 23, Mannington.

Has Moslem Ideas. Says Mrs. Englehardt of Providence, R. I., in suing for divorce from Adolph H. Englehardt (above) who styles himself "The Divine Healer." She names 123 women, one of whom is 82 years old.

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Asked \$100,000 for Kisses



"Stolen kisses" worth \$100,000 (her valuation) must be paid for, Mrs. Alma Smythe of Alexandria, Va., told the Washington court. She asked that sum in her suit against Leighton Taylor, secretary to late Senator Boies Penrose.

GREAT INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN COMING MEETING. Opinions Divided on Possible Outcome of Conference in Chicago Next Week.

Both coal operators and miners are doing a whole lot of talk thinking and guessing as to the outcome of the joint conference in Chicago next Wednesday. Opinions are varied as to the outcome.

There are some prominent coal operators who believe that something concrete will be worked out at the conference. They base this largely upon the fact that sufficient meetings already have been called to accomplish something.

On the other hand there are equally prominent coal operators in Northern West Virginia who believe that little will be worked out. They believe in some instances that at a conference to be held after the Chicago session something may be worked out, but think it will be along the line that President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America pulled 'the last time; that is, individual agreements rather than a resumption of the old four state agreement.

Drift of the miners' opinion locally is of no import because the brains and the machinery that manipulates national wage agreements are in Indianapolis. It is known, however, that Frank Farrington, leader of the Illinois miners, intimated to the operators in the last conference that the basis of agreement must be on the lines of the old Central Competitive Field plan.

This is not popular in Northern West Virginia, it generally being understood that separate agreements are desirable here if they can be obtained. On the other hand, those in touch with miners' activities admit that this will be difficult to get away with.

There is a lot of guessing as to whether or not there will be another strike. The general feeling is that there will not be, but this of course is not certain until the actual agreement is signed. There is a feeling, too, that both the operators and miners will stay away from any concrete action until after the Fact-Finding Commission makes its report to Congress.

After all, this report will alone create public opinion as it carries no authority to force a basis of settlement, which is the real bone of contention.

Public sentiment will play a big part in this controversy in the coal industry, and either side that fails to hearken to the public will be out of luck and possibly the victim of some objectionable legislation. Unfortunately the public is blindly led to believe that this is its only recourse, overlooking the fact that the coal industry is an unestablished industry and always will be as long as so many uncertainties govern it.

Because of the possibility of the Chicago conference producing some tangible results President A. Lisle White, Clarksville, is urging all members of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association to attend. All members, big and small, are entitled to participate in the conference. Any policy accepted there would affect Northern West Virginia and its operators having union mines, and for that reason every member is being urged to attend. All members are representatives of the association, it has been explained.

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Table listing various stocks and their prices, including Allied Chemical & Dye, Allis-Chalmers, Amer. Beet Sugar, Amer. Can, Amer. Car & Foundry, Amer. Hide & Leather, Amer. International Corp., Amer. Locomotive, Amer. Smelting & Refg., Amer. Sugar, Amer. Sumatra Tobacco, Amer. T. & T., Amer. Tobacco, Amer. Woolen, Anaconda Copper, Aichison, Atl. Gulf & W. Indies, Baldwin Locomotive, Baltimore & Ohio, Bethlehem Steel, Canadian Pacific, Central Leather, Chandler Motors, Chesapeake & Ohio, Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul, Chicago, R. I. & Pac., Ohio Copper, Colorado Fuel & Iron, Corn Products, Crucible Steel, Erie, Famous Players-Lasky, General Asphalt, General Electric, General Motors, Goodrich Co., Great Northern, Illinois Central, Inspiration Copper, International Harvester, Int. Mer. Marine, Int. Paper, Kelly-Springfield Tire, Kennecott Copper, Louisville & Nashville, Mexican Petroleum, Miami Copper, Middle States Oil, Midvale Steel, Missouri Pacific, New York Central, N. Y., N. H. and Hartford, Norfolk and Western, Northern Pacific, Oklahoma Prod. & Ref., Pacific Oil, Pan American Petroleum, Pennsylvania, People's Gas, Pure Oil, Ray Consolidated Copper, Reading, Rep. Iron & Steel, Royal Dutch, N. Y., Sears Roebuck, Shell, Southern Railway, Southern Railway, Standard Oil of N. J., Studebaker Corp., Tennessee Copper, Texas Co., Texas & Pacific, Tobacco Products, Transcontinental Oil, United Retail Stores, U. S. Ind. Alcohol, United States Rubber, United States Steel, Utah Copper, Westinghouse Electric, Wills Overland, Chgo. N. W., Maxwell Mot. B., Cons. Gas.

MARKET STRONGER. Marketing conditions are improving, according to reports from various sections of the region. The market closed yesterday with coal being quoted at \$3.50 to \$3.60. In possibly a few instances it was \$3.75 at some of the mines.

Better grades of Sewickley sold at about the same price as mine run. Freeport was quoted at \$3 to \$3.25, it is reported.

Railroad Fuel. Railroad fuel loading in Northern West Virginia on Friday aggregated 570 carloads. Of that, 293 cars were local fuel and 367 went to foreign carriers.

A slight bit less of railroad fuel was loaded on the Monongah Division, B. and O., yesterday than the previous day.

The railroad fuel loading on the various divisions yesterday was as follows:

Table showing railroad fuel loading statistics for various divisions: Railroads, Loaded, Local, Foreign. B. and O., Monongah, Charleston, Cumberland, M. and W., B. and W., 670, 203, 367.

Coke Loading. Fifty-two cars of coke were loaded in Northern West Virginia yesterday. Thirty-five cars were produced on the Monongah Division, four cars on the Charleston Division and fifteen cars on the M. & O.

All of this coke moved east, except sixteen cars of the Monongah Division, B. & O., which went west.

Eastern Loading. Eastern coal loading out of Northern West Virginia yesterday aggregated 1,096 carloads. This was loaded as follows on the various divisions: B. & O.—Monongah, 779 cars; Charleston, 20 cars; Connellyville, 5 cars; Cumberland, 3 cars; M. & K., 78 cars; M. & W., 89 cars; W. M.—W. B. & H. R., 106 cars; B. & W., 16 cars.

Western Coal shipments consisted of eighty-nine cars off the Monongah Division and nineteen cars off the Charleston Division.

uses her soon broadened. December acting the most erratic, touching \$123 on a break and rallying later to \$127. So rapid were the fluctuations that values varied \$30 between trades. There was some scattered liquidation in response to the May delivery, with an easing off in price after the opening. News developments had little or no effect early, some traders who had sold out earlier in the week began in a quandary, believing there has been break enough but not inclined to restate long lines, and were awaiting further developments. The opening which varied from 5-8c decline to 4-14c, advance, with May \$122 to 1-2 and July \$123 3/4 to \$122 1-2 was followed by a further setback all around.

Corn and oats were unsettled in line with the action in wheat, there being considerable evening up under way for over the year end. After opening 1-8c lower to 7-8c higher, with May 71 1/4 to 8-8, the corn market underwent slight further losses all around.

Oats started unchanged to 1-4c down, May 41 3/4 to 7-8 and later declined a little more. Provisions were unchanged to 3/8 off at the start.

BARNES WINS SUIT AGAINST L. M. KUHN. A verdict for the plaintiff for the sum of \$540.90 was returned in Circuit Court at a late hour yesterday afternoon in the automobile damage suit brought by French E. Barnes of this city against Lloyd M. Kuhn of Monongah. Instructions from the court were such that it required only a few minutes for the jury to arrive at a verdict.

The suit was brought for damages to a Dodge automobile which was struck by a Ford truck driven by a delivery boy employed in connection with Kuhn's grocery store at Monongah.

The defense set up that at the time of the accident the driver of the truck was not acting within the scope of his authority but had gone on a "frolic of his own" to Worthington. The plaintiff introduced evidence to show that the boy was authorized to deliver groceries to the home of John Nichols and that the accident occurred on the return trip between the grocery store and the Nichols home.

The court instructed the jury, upon request of the plaintiff, that the jury should find for the plaintiff if the jurors were of opinion that the accident occurred between the Nichols home and the grocery store. The jury was not long in finding this fact and consequently assessed the damages at \$540.90. The suit was an old one and had been pending in the Circuit Court for several years.

SUITS ENTERED. The following law and chancery suits have been entered at the office of L. A. Cather, clerk of the Marion County Circuit Court:

Harry Shaw against David S. Myers and Flat Run Gas Coal Co., a corporation, an action in assumption, for damages of \$2,000. Victor Shaw is attorney for the plaintiff.

Jesse G. Floyd against J. T. DeWine, Justice of the Peace, an action in prohibition. Musgraves, Brandon and Conley are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Frank Inquinta against Stanley Symonick, an action in trespass on the case for damages of \$5,000. Shaw and Shaw are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

Patsy Inquinta, an infant under the age of 21 years, who sues by his next friend, Frank Inquinta, an action in trespass on the case for damages of \$5,000. Attorneys Shaw and Shaw represent the plaintiff.

Henry C. McDaniel against Smith Morris and Hattie Morris, a proceeding in chancery. Walter R. Haggerty is attorney for the plaintiff.

Daniel Toothman against Michael Karolic, a proceeding in chancery. M. W. Ogden is attorney for the plaintiff.

James B. Ford and Mary M. Ford against Minnie A. Weckley, Guy Weekley, O. J. Fleming, William P. Williams and Rilla Williams, a proceeding in chancery. Attorney John Henshaw represents the plaintiff.

Alphonsa Carbone against Phloema C. Jenkins, L. C. Jenkins, Phloema, Delbert Jenkins, H. F. Jenkins, D. H. Morgan and E. A. Grose, partners as Morgan and Grose, L. S. Jenkins and the Real Estate Improvement Co. of Baltimore, Md., a proceeding in chancery. M. W. Ogden is the counsel for the plaintiff.

Mary Ellen Martin against William Wade Martin, a proceeding in chancery. Curt E. Amos is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Martha Carpenter against Guy Carpenter, a proceeding in chancery. M. W. Ogden is the counsel for the plaintiff.

EAST SIDE NEWS

Celebrate Anniversary. An enjoyable evening was spent by the members of Waneeta Council No. 6, Degree of Poochontas, last evening in celebration of their twenty-first anniversary. Several new candidates were initiated and a delightful social hour was spent.

G. A. R. Circle. The G. A. R. Circle will meet next Tuesday afternoon at the old Normal Building in Fairmont avenue. An important business session will be held, and the new officers will be installed. Following the business session a social hour will be spent and refreshments served.

Missionary Meeting. The Foreign Missionary Society of the Diamond Street Church will hold its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Cora Morrow, 20 State street next Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Morrow's division will be in charge of the meeting.

Personals. Mrs. Margaret Morris has been ill the past several days at her home in Raymond street.

Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hawkins of Tygart street are ill. Carl D. Springer of Gintey street is still quite ill with influenza. Mrs. Springer and their little son Billy are ill with the disease also.

Mrs. J. F. Blackwood of Market street is recovering from several days' illness. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Layman have gone to housekeeping in the apartment house in Merchant street.

Miss Mary Sturm of Shinnston was a recent guest of Miss Mary Frum in State street. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Utterback of Merchant street will spend the weekend with relatives at Morgantown.

Mrs. Russell Malone of Potomac avenue has been confined to her home the past few days by illness. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Couch have returned from visiting relatives at Southern Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Prunty have returned to their home at Harrisville after several days' visit with the former's sister, Mrs. J. A. Long, and family in State street. Mrs. Lucy Dumble of East Park avenue is quite ill with influenza.

Larkin Pritchard, administrator of the Jane Wiley estate, is in the city on business concerning the estate of Edward Henderson and sister Miss Lillie Henderson of the Speedway are indisposed. Their mother, Mrs. Wesley Henderson, is also quite sick.

Individuals should endeavor to improve their vital resistance by careful attention to the laws of health, and nothing will contribute more than sleeping with the windows wide open, remembering that the fresh air is the greatest enemy the "flu" germ has, and as the two remedies do not cost anything everybody should use plenty.

"Those sick with symptoms of influenza, or cold, should go to bed, or remain indoors. If conditions do not improve call a physician. More damage is done by self medication in influenza than in any other disease.

"Remain away from crowds. If influenza is spread by coming in contact with those who go about coughing the germs in their face.

"Much other advice could be given, but this, with a little common sense, should prevent many cases if it is heeded."

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