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BREEZY COLUMN

**MANNINGTON NEWS**  
—BY—  
(The West Virginian's Special Correspondent)

The West Virginian will be delivered to any home in Mannington every evening by **Smith & Millan News Dealers**

The Elks Lodge of this city is making preparations to distribute 40 or 50 baskets among the poor of the city. Last Christmas the Elks donated about 50 well filled baskets to the needy ones, and still they continue in accordance with their motto, "Charity."

Mrs. C. C. Sheppard and daughter, of Boston, Mass., will arrive Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Sheppard's mother, Mrs. T. S. Hardesty.

The funeral of Mrs. Egma Burchinal was held at the late residence yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Joseph Neenan, president of the Glassworkers' Union, was a business visitor here yesterday. At the local glass plant some misunderstanding has taken place and Mr. Neenan is here trying to settle matters.

The recent cold weather has frozen the local creeks and everyone who can is taking advantage of the splendid skating.

Mrs. A. M. Burt and son, Dan, are visiting in Wheeling for a few days.

Mr. T. M. Haugh and family have recently moved in their new home in Homewood addition. Many local people have splendid lots and are building homes in Homewood, and it will not be long until the addition will be

**WHY CHILLY WEATHER BRINGS RHEUMATISM**

SAYS SKIN PORES ARE CLOSED AND URIC ACID REMAINS IN BLOOD.

Rheumatism is no respecter of age, sex, color or rank. It is not the most dangerous of human afflictions, it is one of the most painful. Those subject to rheumatism should eat less meat, dress as warmly as possible, avoid any undue exposure, and, above all, drink lots of pure water.

Rheumatism is caused by uric acid which is generated in the bowels and absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine; the pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly, cold weather the skin pores are closed, thus forcing the kidneys to do double work, they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate this uric acid which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles, causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

At the first twinge of rheumatism get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoonful in a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid by stimulating the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of these impurities.

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**WASHINGTON GOSSIP FOR OUR READERS**

CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—For what it is worth this item is given. About the only value it has is that the subject has been sprung and seriously talked where the remnants of the national leadership of Col. Roosevelt's party are wont to assemble in all the solemnity of a "wake." Briefly it is to the effect that to keep a spark of life in the Progressive cadaver, why not get behind W. Jennings Bryan as a Presidential candidate in 1916? Why not? He is for prohibition and votes for women, and so is the Progressive party—or was. What that party needs is a strong personality, one that can magnetize votes; it has the principles at hand, it is argued by those back of this fantastic talk. The colonel will get run again; indeed, it may be best that he should not. Perhaps, he is over run, or run out. At any rate Bryan would be a new reformer in the Progressive show, and with the Progressives nominating him first he should be able with his popularity in the Democratic party to land the nomination of that party. Besides, with the colonel out of it, how is the wreck of the party to be saved from the grasping hands of "the same old Bill" Sulzer, who is suspected of having designs on it for his own use two years hence, and the expanding "submerged issue" on national lines in 1916 unless Bryan be the straw of salvation that is grabbed? They think they see signs of Bryan getting out of the Cabinet, and why not rally to him if by so doing the Progressive party can be kept alive through another campaign? It would be absurd to print this feverish dream of politics but for one thing: It is actually being seriously talked by men who are members of the inner councils of the third party movement—men who were associated with the management of that party's national congressional headquarters here in the recent campaign. That is the one and only excuse to be offered for the dissemination of this paragraph.

If since, November 4 last, you had been receiving mail to the volume of 100 letters a day from admiring fellow citizens arguing that you should run for the United States Senate or for the Governorship of your state, what would likely be your answer? It is pretty certain that you wouldn't be in a hurry with it, for an answer like that takes in so very many important considerations. Doubtless, it is so regarded by the Hon. Howard Sutherland, Congressman-at-large, who is the amiable victim of this pleasing predicament. Perhaps, if you have been one of the many who have written him congratulations over

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his election and urging him to hitch his wagon to a star a little higher up the political heavens, you have already been informed by Mr. Sutherland that for the present he has one job and that his sole ambition at this time is to fill it to the complete satisfaction of his employers, the same being the good people of West Virginia. That's his only anxiety as to his future at this time. He has dictated scores and scores of letters of that kind since he returned to Washington in answer to first this friend who wants him in the Senate and to that friend who is just as desirous of having him in the Governor's mansion at Charleston. It is very pleasant to be the subject of such a hearty and widespread demand, and a head set less level on shoulders than Howard Sutherland's might be turned to a rash decision. But there is no danger to him from that. Mr. Sutherland accepts all these many fine compliments and sincere best wishes with a fine grace and becoming modesty, and when it is timely for him to give his answer to these important importunities it will be forthcoming and pretty sure to be in accord with the common sense view of the situation in his party, as to himself and otherwise, as it then exists.

James D. Burley has been sojourning here for several days. Mr. Burley is better known throughout West Virginia as an experienced and successful Republican politician than a successful banker and business man of Moundsville. He is all of these things and very popular with all who know him, and his list of acquaintances is a lengthy one. It became known during his stay here that he may be selected by Governor Hatfield as the successor of the late State Bank Commissioner, Sam V. Matthews. In fact it was declared on pretty good authority that Mr. Burley could have the position if he decided that he wanted it. He had reached no decision, it is said by local friends, when he left here for his home. There are a number of good men mentioned in connection with this job besides Mr. Burley.

**City News BRIEFS**

**Be Dismissed Early.**  
The services at the Presbyterian church will be dismissed tonight in ample time to give those who desire to attend the number of the Normal school lecture course to be given tonight an opportunity to do so.

**Too Cold for School.**  
The Miller school has had trouble with the heating apparatus during the cold weather of the present week and have been obliged to dismiss all of the morning sessions of the school, however, the building warms up sufficiently to allow the afternoon sessions to proceed as usual. It is thought the difficulty will be overcome in the near future.

When a man wears a medal the probabilities are that he pinned it on himself.

W. H. Maston, athletic promoter of Louisville, Ky., is in the city and is arranging with Mr. DeShon, manager of the Grand Opera House, to bring some of the best heavyweight wrestlers in the world here this winter. The first big bout of the season will be staged Thursday night between William Demetral, "the Greek demon," and Charlie Olson, the southern champion. Both men will weigh in at 190 pounds and are very evenly matched, both having defeated some of the best men in the world. Mr. Barton has just received word from Dr. B. F. Roller, the Seattle, Wash. physician, and Roller promises he will meet the winner of the Demetral-Olson match here any date that the contest can be staged. Roller meets Mort Henderson at Altoona, Pa., December 18, and it is the intention of Mr. Barton to stage a bout with Roller as one of the contestants in the next show after the Demetral-Olson bout. With such men as Mr. Barton promises to bring here in his series of contests the lovers of the wrestling game will see in action the best men in the world, as Zbyszko will appear here shortly after the holidays.

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