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**A Merry Christmas To All**

**MANNINGTON NEWS**

BY HARRY JONES,  
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THE WEST VIRGINIAN WILL BE DELIVERED TO ANY HOME IN MANNINGTON EVERY EVENING, EXCEPT SUNDAY, FOR 45 CENTS PER MONTH BY SMITH & MILLAN NEWS DEALERS.

Mannington merchants are enjoying a fine Christmas business.

Monard Glover was a visitor in Mannington yesterday.

Mr. V. P. Kline, of the Hope Natural Gas Co., left yesterday for Pittsburgh.

Klawson Hawkins was an out-of-town visitor yesterday.

Andy Jones suffered a broken arm yesterday as a result of a fall on the slippery streets.

E. C. Bonnewell was a business visitor in Fairmont yesterday.

The Boy Scouts' Association of Mannington, under the supervision of Rev. Parks, of the Presbyterian church, have forwarded two large boxes of clothing for the relief of striking miners in Ohio. The headquarters of the Miners' Relief Association is at Barton, Ohio.

Howard Hollobaugh is home from the Elliott Business College to spend Christmas with his parents.

C. J. McKee is in Pittsburgh for a few days.

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**Little Girl Awarded Doll At Jones Store**

MISS FRANCES McCRAY WINS PRIZE IN DOLL DRAWING CONTEST.

PICTURE SUBMITTED WAS A GOOD LIKENESS—MANY CONTESTANTS.

Miss Frances McCray, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McCray of Rhea Terrace was awarded a handsome doll in a drawing contest which has been a holiday feature at the E. G. Jones store.

The doll was offered for the best picture of the doll submitted by any little girl under 10 years of age.

There were a number of excellent pictures submitted and the judges Mrs. M. E. Ashcraft, Misses Anna Murphy and Ida Stone, spent considerable time in making the decision which however was unanimous. The picture submitted by Miss McCray was an excellent likeness and showed marked ability on the part of the young artist. The doll which has been displayed in the Jones window for several days has been greatly admired.

This morning Mr. Jones mailed to each contestant a pretty handkerchief and a Christmas letter thanking them for their interest in the contest.

**Would-Be Citizen Learns G. W. is Dead**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Baldassari Drosia got his first papers in naturalization yesterday from Justice Giegerich.

"Who's President?" he was asked.

A.—Mr. Wilson.

Q.—Who's Governor of New York?

A.—Mr. Glynn.

Q.—If President Wilson died, who would be President?

A.—George Washington.

Drosia was informed that Washington was dead, and told to study American history.

**Bank Employes Receive Gold Coins**

The attaches of the National Bank of Fairmont were each given a twenty dollar gold piece yesterday as a token of the appreciation of the officers of the institution for the faithful performance of the work that comes to their lot to do. This is by far the most handsome recognition service ever expressed by a concern in this city.

The National Bank of Fairmont takes particular pride in having men of proved ability and its officers feel in the manner expressed by Mr. Glenn F. Burn, that it is a small way in showing the appreciation of the officers for the exceptional service rendered by the attaches.

**Commerce Chamber Has New Metric Chart**

Secretary Charles W. Evans, of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, has adorned the walls of the office of the chamber with a handsome chart explaining the workings of the Metric system. There is considerable agitation on now to make the metrical system universal. There is no reason that can be offered for not making a simple standard for measuring articles. The metrical system is based on three things, viz: the meter, the gram and the liter. Everything runs in multiples of ten, making it the most simple system that can be devised. Every counter of consequence that has not yet adopted the metrical system question is being agitated in the Congress of the United States and every commercial organization that has any influence worth talking about is anxious to see the system put in operation. It only takes a minute or two to master the system.

Under our present method of measuring by weights and other ways there are endless intricacies arising out of the different schemes. This can be remedied most effectively by the introduction and adoption of the method devised and perfected by the French people. People who have seen the chart in Secretary Evans' office are enthusiastic over the idea of changing the system of weights and measures.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

**Read The West Virginian**

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**City News BRIEFS**

**LARGE DEMAND FOR BIRDS.**  
 An unprecedented demand for turkeys in the local markets has marked the present week. Hundreds of birds were shipped into the city during the week and yesterday dealers found the supply inadequate to meet the demand and additional orders were telegraphed over the country and large shipments of dressed and undressed fowls were received here today. It is evident that the turkey will adorn the majority of the Christmas festive boards tomorrow. Dressed turkeys brought the price of 28 cents per pound.

**Confesses Murder To Ease Conscience**

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 24.—John J. McNulty, farmhand, 28, walked into the office of the chief of police and confessed that he murdered Hogan Kane near Holyoke, Mass. in 1907, to carry out a highway robbery.

He said remorse made it impossible for him to sleep or find any happiness. McNulty remained in the vicinity of the crime for a year and a half and was never suspected.

**Five-Year Term for Stealing 30 Cents**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Five years for stealing 30 cents was the sentence imposed yesterday on John Murray by Judge Malone.

There was a reason. Murray has already served six terms in Sing Sing for picking pockets, and was caught taking the 30 cents from the pocket of Edward H. Mason, of No. 237 West One Hundred and Sixty-second street.

"I've had Christmas dinner in prison twenty years—I want it again," said Murray to the court.

**Maine Liquor Raider Missing; Suspect Held**

ISLAND FALLS, Me., Dec. 24.—Deputy Sheriff H. C. Hillman, who has been active in the enforcement of the prohibitory liquor law, has disappeared and county officials today expressed a fear that he had been kidnapped or murdered.

**Older Employes of U. S. to be Dropped**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The policy of the present administration as regards its older clerks in the post office department and offices throughout the country, was clearly expounded in the report of First Assistant Postmaster General Roper which was made public last week. Mr. Roper would cut off the superintendent altogether, and provide for the elimination of older employes, without regard to length or value of service, who are not furnishing full returns for salaries paid them. He urges revision of salaries of postmasters which would result in the saving of \$1,500,000 a year to the department. Also he would change the eight hour law for employes so that they can work during any given forty-eight hours.

**Thaw Sends \$500 to Matteawan Gateman**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Harry K. Thaw has sent \$500 to Howard Barnum, who opened the gate at Matteawan the Sunday Thaw escaped. Barnum's wife has been near death several weeks. He was twice arrested, but not indicted, and has had difficulty in getting steady work. Thaw writes to a Beacon, N. Y., paper:

"While under no obligations whatsoever, I am anxious to relieve the distress which you have pointed out, and as this is the glad season of the year, I am sending \$500 to Mr. Barnum's benefit."

"Mr. Barnum did nothing on my account. Still he has been prejudiced, through no fault of his own, but apparently out of spite because I left the hospital."

**Funeral Of Rev. G. W. Bent Held Today**

REMAINS LAY IN STATE AT DIAMOND STREET CHURCH THIS MORNING.

MANY M. E. MINISTERS FROM OTHER CITIES TAKE PART IN SERVICES.

Impressive funeral services were held today at 1:30 o'clock, over the remains of Rev. G. W. Bent, whose death occurred Tuesday in Huntington, following an illness with blood poisoning. The remains arrived here last night accompanied by the widow, children and other relatives and friends. Rev. Bent was a former pastor of the Diamond street, Methodist Episcopal church in this city and the services over his remains were held in that edifice.

The remains lay in state at the church during the morning, and hundreds of sorrowing friends went to the church to take a last look on the face of a friend.

Following the organ voluntary and the singing of "Lead Kindly Light" by the choir, Rev. J. B. Workman, pastor of the church, read the scripture after which prayer was led by Rev. L. B. Bowers, of Parkersburg and also a former pastor of the Diamond street church.

The choir sang "Servant of God Well Done" after which short eulogies on the life, work, character of the deceased, etc., were given by Rev. G. D. Smith of Clarksburg, Rev. James V. Engle of Huntington, and Rev. A. J. Hiatt, all close friends of the deceased.

Rev. C. E. Goodwin pastor of the Mannington sang a touching solo and following singing of Asleep in Jesus, the remains were conveyed to Maple Grove cemetery where they were tenderly laid to rest.

The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends. Six ministers members of the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, acted as pall bearers. They were: Rev. L. B. Bowers, Rev. J. W. Engle, Rev. C. E. Goodwin, Rev. H. C. Howard, Rev. A. J. Hiatt, and Rev. Workman.

**State Fair May Meet Next Year**

JOHN S. SCOTT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT EXPOSITION WILL MEET AS USUAL.

The word that has been circulated to the effect that Wheeling would have no fair next season has proven to be without foundation. Secretary John S. Scott, of the Fairmont Fair Association, has been authoritatively informed by the man who has charge of the speed program of the Wheeling fair, who states that the West Virginia metropolis will put on an exhibition next year under partially different management to what it has been before.

The stock of the Wheeling Fair Association was said to have been largely owned by the Reymann Brewing Company, and when the state went dry the Brewing Company no longer cared to carry its stock. The company feared that the fair would be a financial failure because the proceeds from the bar under the grandstand, said to be the longest bar in the world, would not be forthcoming.

The Reymann people offered to turn over the proposition to other interests, with the result that the matter has been worked out. The date of the next fair has already been set. It will be on the week of August 6-10.

The dates for the other fairs in West Virginia have not yet been announced.

**Catholics to Hold Christmas Service**

The order of services at St. Peter's Catholic Church Christmas morning will be as follows:

First high mass at six o'clock, second mass at 7:30 o'clock. High mass at ten o'clock.

Evening services at 7:30 o'clock. Father Schultz, of Washington, D. C., will be here to assist Father Boutou with the services.

The musical program of the morning:

"Silent Night."  
 Kyrie and Gloria by Dumont.  
 Credo, Ernest Gagnon.  
 Christmas hymn, "Angels We Have by Dierman. Solo, Miss Rose Kennedy, chorus by choir.  
 Sanctus, by Dumont.  
 Ave Verum, by L. Bordese.  
 Adeste Fideles.



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**APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

Notice is hereby given that on or about the 15th day of January, 1915, an application will be filed with the Honorable Circuit Court of Appeals, Charleston, West Virginia, for the pardon of Adam Greek, convicted of the crime of murder, and decreed, at the March term 1914, of the Criminal Court of Marion County and sentenced to imprisonment in the West Virginia Penitentiary for the period of 12 years. Dec. 24 and 31.

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