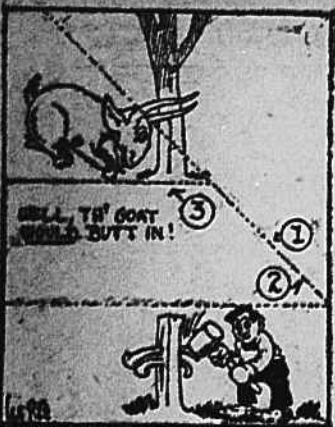


Town Talk

MOVING PICTURE FUNNIES.



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THE WEATHER.

West Virginia—Partly cloudy to night and Wednesday, snow. Local Readings F. P. Hall, Ob. Temperature at 8 A. M. today 11. Yesterday's weather: clear; temperature, maximum 45; minimum 9; precipitation, none.

EVENTS TONIGHT.

Red Men's hall—Marion Lodge, K. of P.
Masonic hall—Marion Review, Woman's Benefit Association of the Modern Masons.
Elks' Home—Fairmont Lodge.
Odd Fellows' hall—Marion Lodge.
Cunningham hall—Ladies' Order of the Golden Links.
Willard hall—W. C. T. U. meeting.
Skinner building—Royal Neighbors.
White School—Christmas program.
Barnes School—Christmas program.

Trouble Over Hide—Sut was indicted before Justice Musgrave yesterday afternoon to recover a white ground hog hide by D. O. Kimmell from C. O. Reed, the local taxidermist. Kimmell killed a white ground hog, which is a very rare animal, a few months ago and brought the hide here to have it mounted. When Kimmell failed to get the mounted animal he brought suit. Attorney L. C. Musgrave represented Kimmell and Attorney J. P. Kirby represented Reed. Justice Musgrave gave judgment for the possession of the hide or for \$7.50 in money.

Long is in France—Mrs. John Bennett Long, formerly Miss Alwilda Miller, has received news of the arrival in France of her husband who had been in training with the Aviation corps at Pensacola, Fla. Mr. Long was here recently on a visit to his parents at Catwax and while here his marriage with Miss Miller was solemnized. Mrs. Long will continue her residence here.

Charged With Stealing Dishes—Cora Smith and Mary Bruce, both colored, have been charged with stealing dishes from The Fairmont by Manager Felt before Justice Conaway. They have been held for trial.

Three Prisoners Confess—Love Gray, colored, George Dagross and Albert Minter confessed yesterday to transporting intoxicating liquors from one point to another within the county. Each were fined \$100 and sent to jail for 60 days by Justice Conaway.

Marriage License—A marriage license has been issued by Deputy County Clerk Phillips to Hugh M. Davis, 32, of Zollarsville, and Luella Phillips, 29, of Mannington.

Removing Light Post—Workmen were busy this morning removing an electric light post from in front of the Osgood's Department store. The light will not be replaced.

Junior Class Play—As customary, the Junior class at the Fairmont high school will again this year give their regular Junior class play. The play has not been selected. The play given by the Junior class last year was the "Blossoming of Mary Ann," generally considered the best play yet given by a Junior class at the high school.

Against Sunday Business—The Sunday school of the First M. P. church went on record Sunday as being opposed to Sabbath desecration, especially that form of it which keeps many little stores open in violation of the law. An effort will be made to have the other Sunday schools of the city take action in this matter.

Like To Have Minstrels—The Benvolent and Protective Order of Elks at Monroeville, Fairmont and Parkersburg will have minstrel shows early in 1918, to bolster up their charity funds. Miller & Draper will put on the shows at all three points.

Football Banquet—At the Maderia Hotel in Morgantown this evening, beginning at eight o'clock will occur the annual banquet for the West Virginia University football team. The football banquet is generally considered one of the big athletic events of the year and is looked forward to by many students.

Christmas Program—A special Christmas program will be given at the White school this evening, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. The program

LATE "WANT" ADS

LOST—Today between Owens and Watson Hotel, crank off of Overland auto. Finder return to Gallier's store. 12-19-24-3218.

which will consist of many special numbers, will be given entirely by the pupils of the school. The public, and especially the patrons are cordially invited to attend.

New Shipping Clerk—Clarence G. Brown of Confluence, Pa., has accepted a position as shipping clerk at the Fairmont Mining Machine Company and will locate in this city.

Three Are Injured In Coasting Crash

The first sled riding accident of the year occurred yesterday evening about 9 o'clock when a large bob-sled coming down the Fifth street hill collided with an automobile. On the sled were Grace Ott, Virginia Morris, Mildred Harvey, Edward Crowl, James Anwyll and Edward Bowen. Grace Ott, Virginia Morris and James Anwyll were all injured but none of the injuries were at all serious.

A car driven by Zell Brady came out the alley between Benoni avenue and Walnut avenue and was just turning up the hill when the sled, coming at full speed down the Fifth street grade, struck the rear left wheel of the automobile.

City Hall Notes

The resignation of Traffic Officer Richard Ward and Policeman Howard Woodward was formally reported to the Board of Affairs yesterday. The resignation was accepted.

No officers will be appointed to take the places left vacant by Ward and Woodward until spring. It is the belief that the present police force can handle affairs in this city until spring.

Chief Fred Harr has received several posters from Breckinridge Jones, of Charleston, warning registrants to take particular care to see that their present address is in the hands of the draft board. One of the notices was put up in the police headquarters, others are being distributed over the city.

Congress to Probe the Shipping Board

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Congressional investigation of the shipping board and difference which might have rent it since its organization were proposed today in both houses of Congress. Senator Harding of Ohio and Representative Edmonds of Pennsylvania offered resolutions which were referred to committees without action.

Recent Patients at Cook Hospital

Mrs. Warren E. Stone, of Kingwood, was admitted to Cook hospital Saturday for treatment. Other patients at the hospital are J. L. Ingram, of High street; Gilbert Arnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Arnett; Mrs. L. J. Lytle, of Rhea Terrace; J. S. Cherry, wife of the proprietor of the B. and O. restaurant; Verner Wade, Mrs. Helen Sheets; Miss Mildred Rottenhouse, Mrs. Martha Wolfe, of Newburg. All these patients are doing nicely.

Among the patients dismissed recently were K. K. Kramer, a prominent citizen of Kentsville, Pa.; Mrs. William Linn, of this city; Mrs. Myrtle Ott, of Mannington; Mrs. John Ridgeley, Mrs. Frank Edgar and Guy Leonard, all of this city. Miss Eunah Taylor, of Gassaway, a sister of Miss Eunah Taylor, formerly head nurse at the hospital who had been a patient there for several weeks, has returned to her home at Gassaway.

SAVE THIS COUPON

AMERICAN FLAG COUPON NUMBER 192

Present three of these coupons consecutively numbered at the office of The West Virginian with 88c cash and get a beautiful Flag 4x6 feet, with sewed stripes, guaranteed fast colors.

Realizing the need of every family in Fairmont and vicinity for an American Flag to display on patriotic holidays, we have arranged to supply a limited number of our readers at ridiculously small cost in spite of the fact that the price of flags has almost doubled in the last few weeks. All you need do is clip 3 of the above coupons consecutively numbered and present them at The West Virginian office with 88 cents in cash and the flag is yours. Ten cents extra for mailing if not called for.

QUESTIONNAIRES

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Draft Board No. 2 insist on going to Mannington to get their legal advice in making out their questionnaires. This is absolutely unnecessary, as any legal advisory board may give the necessary aid. The rules say that the registrants should go to the nearest Legal Advisory board and not necessarily the board operating under the draft board where the registrants are registered.

This applies also to Fairmonters who are not in the city at this time. They likewise should go to the nearest Legal Advisory board.

Reports from the office of the local draft board are to the effect that numerous registrants are questioning the public as to the manner in which the questionnaires are filled out. Those who practice this and who fail to complete their questionnaires in the proper manner will forfeit their rights.

MONONGAH

Much Skating.

The heavy snow now covering the ice on the river has little effect on skating in Monongah. Far up the river the skaters have shoveled the snow off the ice from bank to bank, making the ice as good for skating as if the snow had never come.

No Team.

The Thornburn high school will again this year not be represented by a basketball team. The reason for this is that there is no place in town to play. It is hoped that the students will be in their new building by this time next year and be able to have a real floor team.

Auxiliary to Meet.

This is the regular weekly meeting day for the Monongah Auxiliary of American Red Cross. Last week several articles were taken to Fairmont and it is hoped that as many more may be sent to headquarters in the near future.

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Conley were calling out of town yesterday evening. George Leiving was among the Monongah callers in Fairmont yesterday evening.

John Vingle has returned home after an absence of several days. Dick Talbott was in Fairmont yesterday evening as a social visitor.

Mrs. Tony Cirno was in Fairmont for a short while yesterday evening. Ira L. Danley was among the local business transactors to Fairmont yesterday afternoon.

Evening Hours at Library Changed

The executive board of the Fairmont Library Association held a meeting last evening at the library at which considerable business was transacted. A change in the evening hours at the library was made and hereafter the library will be open from 7 until 8:30 in the evening instead of from 7:30 to 9, the previous hours. It was also decided to close the library on Monday the 24, as well as on Christmas day, which with Sunday on the 23, closes the library for three consecutive days.

Several books have been donated to the library recently: one by the Salvation Army, one by I. F. Chapman and six volumes of fiction by Mrs. George DeBolt.

Library membership fees remained at the usual price and attention is called to the year-round pleasure such a membership would give to a family or an individual. The family membership is \$1 and the individual 50 cents.

FAIRMONT ASKS

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crease the supply of gas for the Fairmont consumers.

The resolutions which were adopted by the directors were introduced by Mr. Cunningham. They read as follows:

WHEREAS, By reason of the failure of an adequate supply of natural gas our manufacturing plants have been compelled to shut down, throwing a large number of persons out of employment; courts, schools and churches have been closed, depriving our children of educational advantages and many of our homes have been inadequately heated, resulting in sickness and suffering, and

WHEREAS, Large quantities of natural gas produced in this state are being transported daily out of the state and there furnished and sold to consumers for manufacturing and domestic purposes;

That at least 400,000,000 cubic feet of gas is daily being transported out of Northern West Virginia and Eastern Ohio; that this gas is produced and obtained in close proximity to the manufacturing centers in Northern West Virginia and in convenient reach of the more thickly populated portions of said section where suffering and in convenience is greatest because of the lack of sufficient gas.

That the regular and continued operations of these manufacturing plants is necessary to the material prosperity of this state and the persons employed in these industries and those dependent upon them; if these industries are closed because of a lack of fuel much suffering must necessarily result to the persons thus thrown out of employment and those dependent upon them; that the regular and continued production is necessary to enable the state to do its part toward the support of the government and the prosecution of the war; and

WHEREAS, Only a comparatively small proportion of gas so transported and sold out of the state is used exclusively in the manufacture of materials and munitions directly required in the prosecution of the war, and that sufficient gas so transported and sold out of the state can be retained in the state to meet the requirements of our own people without in any way interfering with the manufacture of war materials and munitions outside the state, that a daily diversion of from ten to fifteen millions of cubic feet to the counties of Harrison, Marion and Monongalia would probably meet all their requirements, relieve the suffering and permit the factories to operate; and

WHEREAS, It is the judgment of this body that persons residing and engaged in business in a community producing large quantities of natural gas are entitled to have their reasonable requirements of this fuel supplied before the same is transported out of the state, at least to the extent that want, sickness and suffering be prevented; that if the governors and other state officers of states and cities are permitted to confiscate coal in transit through their states and cities to relieve want and suffering the governor of this state ought to have authority as a police regulation for the protection and preservation of society in the state to take sufficient of the gas produced in this state to reasonably meet the actual requirements of our citizens and industries; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this body that the governor of this state should be commended for the strong stand he has already taken to secure for our people an adequate supply of gas out of the great quantities produced in the state to meet their reasonable requirements; and that he be requested to cause such further proceedings to be had and taken before the Public Service Commission of the state as will insure the furnishing of such reasonably adequate supply; and that if under the laws now on our statute books the Public Service Commission is not vested with authority sufficient to meet the situation the governor be requested as speedily as possible to call the legislature in extraordinary session for the purpose of enacting such laws as will enable the commission to require and compel persons and concerns transporting gas out of the state to first provide sufficient of such gas to meet the reasonable requirements of the people of the state.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, That we commend the governor of this state for the steps he has already taken to protect the interests of his own citizens in securing for them an adequate supply of gas.

That we most respectfully urge upon him that he cause such proceedings to be had and taken before the Public Service Commission of the state as may be necessary to require

and compel persons and concerns transporting gas out of the state to first supply the reasonable requirements of the people of the state.

And that if under the statutes now in force the Public Service Commission is not vested with sufficient authority to so control and regulate the transportation of gas, the governor be respectfully requested and urged as speedily as possible to call the legislature in extraordinary session for the purpose of enacting such laws as will give the commission ample authority to meet the situation.

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this body that a committee should be appointed to confer and act with like committees appointed by chambers of commerce and other like organizations in this state for the purpose of taking action looking to the securing of an adequate supply of natural gas for the benefit of the citizens and industries in this state; and that such committee when appointed should confer with similar committees with the view of procuring such proceedings to be taken as may be necessary to secure relief and obtain an adequate supply of natural gas and.

RESOLVED, That the president of this chamber of commerce be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to appoint a committee of five (5) to represent this body and confer with like committees from other similar organizations and to obtain the relief desired.

O'Neal in Virginia—R. L. O'Neal of the Fairmont who attended the meeting of hotel proprietors of the state at Parkersburg on Saturday will not return to Fairmont until after Christmas. He will spend his Christmas vacation in Virginia.



The West Virginian is on sale every evening in Fairmont at the following places:

CENTRAL THE FAIRMONT NEWS CO. 124 1/2 Main Street A. G. MARTIN CO., 131 Main Street UNION NEWS CO., Tracton Station UNION NEWS CO., B. & O. Station CLYDE S. HOLT, 325 Main Street STEALEY'S PLACE

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MORAN & PRUNTY Cor. Bridge & Water Streets E. ST. SIDE NEWS CO., Market St.

LOCUST AVENUE J. H. McCLOSKEY DRUG CO. 512 Locust Avenue

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Christmas Vacations in the Local Schools

Christmas holidays will begin in the various schools of the city during this week and already preparations for the closing and for entertainments to celebrate the season are in progress.

The schools of Fairmont Independent school district will close on Wednesday of this week and will resume work on Wednesday, January 2.

The schools of Union Independent school district will close on Friday of this week and will resume on Monday, January 7.

The Normal school will close on Friday of this week and will not convene again until Thursday, January 3.

St. Peter's Parochial school will close on Friday of this week for the Christmas vacation.

Pleasant programs have been prepared for the closing of the various schools most of which will be given on the afternoon of the closing day. This evening at the Barnes school a Christmas program will be observed and on Wednesday a similar program will be given by the pupils of the Miller school.

COAL OPERATORS

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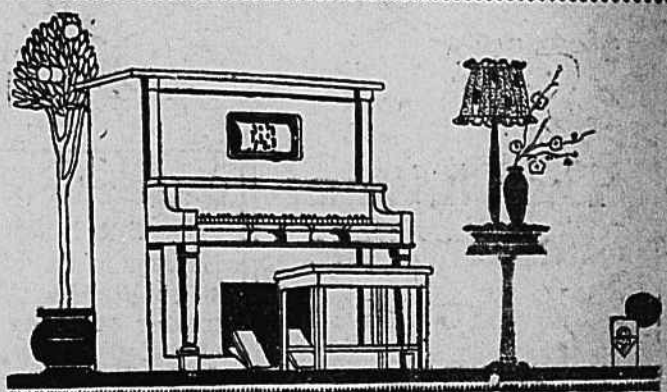
tation of coal. The Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association has been carrying on helpful work of this nature for some time and the National Coal Association, upon its organization, promptly created a Transportation Department and placed at its head an able railroad man in order that co-operation with the roads might be of the most practical and efficient kind possible.

Coal Notes.

F. R. Lyon, superintendent of operations of the Consolidation Coal company, returned yesterday after a week's stay in Baltimore where he has been doing gall that he could in an effort being made by that company to develop a plan which would relieve the railroad situation and permit the movements of coal to a greater extent.

R. H. Jamison, J. S. Amend, C. E. Cowan, James Kelley, of Greensburg; T. B. Phillips, and J. F. Rodgers, of Pittsburgh, are in the city on business.

A new allotment of explosive license blanks have been received by County Clerk Martin.



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