

WAS GREATEST CHRISTMAS THIS CITY EVER HAD

Little Children Especially Were Well Taken Care of.

THE WEATHER WAS IDEAL

Elks Had Fine Party at the Miller School During Afternoon.

Yesterday was Christmas day indeed, and in nearly every home was a gorgeous tree with many presents scattered everywhere and much white tissue paper and red ribbon and pretty cards tossed all over the house and there were nut shells and dried candy boxes and sick children. And Grandma and Aunt Jane and Dad and Mother and all the relatives ate along with the rest of the children until by night there wasn't a scrap of room for one bite of supper. Nobody even thought of it! Every charitable organization in the city was at the bottom of some happiness outside of fortunate homes; and little, neglected children were given warm clothes and good food and toys because of these. First came the home joys. Next came the times. Fund happenings with over \$2,000 sent on the poor in Fairmont. After at the Elks entertained 300 children at the Miller school, many of them foreigners. The hotels catered the homeless doing their utmost. Restaurants cooked elaborate, out-of-the-ordinary dinners. The clerks who worked hard all week rested. The street car conductors and motormen had little to do and enjoyed the day. Store keepers and their forces thanked God for Christmas. Young folks home from school for the holidays had a matinee dance at the Fairmont and danced till their toes ached. Last night many of the city clubs held social meetings and made merry. The Salvation Army took care of eight dear little nursery waifs, some without parents and others having a mother perhaps who couldn't provide a Christmas. These babies had everything the heart could desire. The Army hall did Christmas up brown in the evening with an entertainment and presents and a tree for about 100.

The churches, two Catholics and one Episcopal stepped to thank God in services held during the day. Many could not have been entirely happy yesterday without first thanking the Father for His love, whose (Continued on page four.)

LOST
In or near Klaw's Hoggery Shop Wednesday. Gentlemen's Pocketbook. Liberal Reward if Returned to Box 7040 Care West Virginian.

WANTED A WOMAN.

One of Fairmont's leading establishments requires the services of a woman preferably between the ages of 20 and 30. The work is largely of a domestic and involves calling upon business men. No samples to carry, no orders to take but selling experience and the ability to deal with the public would prove valuable to the person engaged. Moderate salary to start with opportunity for rapid increase. Applicants will please write fully, describing their present employment and giving details as to past experience which would adapt them for specialized solicitation work. Applications will be treated confidentially. Address—
BOX 10,000
The West Virginian

NOTICE To Taxpayers

You who failed to take advantage of discount on your taxes, pay them at their face value any time during the month of December. After January 1st, there will be 10 per cent interest added. Now why pay 10 per cent interest on your taxes, why not pay them in October, it will be better to borrow the money at 6 per cent interest rather than pay 10 per cent interest on your taxes, come in and settle at once.

A. M. GLOVER, Sheriff
of Marion County, W. Va.

Adjustment of Subscription Rates

For a number of years The West Virginian has had the reputation of being the best paper published anywhere in a city the size of Fairmont. This has been so because the people of Fairmont have demanded a newspaper of a high standard and every effort has been made by the owners to meet this public demand, although it has required a great deal of money and effort.

All newspapers of the country are facing a very serious situation at the present time. The paper on which newspapers are printed has become so scarce that many of the papers in the large cities have been compelled to reduce their size and some papers in the smaller towns compelled to go out of business. This scarcity has forced the price of paper so high that, added to the increased cost of every other item of material and labor that is required in the making of a newspaper, it is impossible to maintain the present standard of quality at the old price.

We have increased our advertising rates to help overcome the high costs and our advertisers have shown a splendid spirit of cooperation, and we believe that our readers will be quite as willing to bear their share in order that the high quality of The West Virginian may be maintained.

Therefore, beginning with January 1st, 1920, the new rates for The West Virginian will be as follows:

DELIVERED BY CARRIER IN FAIRMONT

Postcard statement will be mailed on the first of each month.	IMPORTANT—If subscription is paid in advance the following rates by carrier in Fairmont will apply:
Single copy.....\$.05	One month.....\$.80
One month.....1.00	Three months.....2.30
Three months.....2.90	Six months.....4.30
Six months.....6.00	One year.....8.20
One year.....12.90	

OUTSIDE OF FAIRMONT

By Mail	Cash in Advance
One month.....\$.75	Six months.....\$3.50
Three months.....2.00	One year.....6.00

By Carrier, 5c per copy.

NEW METHOD OF COLLECTION OF CITY SUBSCRIPTIONS

As the cost of collection of city subscriptions is very heavy, and the losses considerable, a new method of payment will be started January 1st, whereby the subscriber can save the cost of collection. The method is similar to that used in the collection of gas and electric light bills, except that the saving is larger. As a newspaper does not get credit for circulation unless it is actually paid for, no paper will be delivered unless the subscription has been paid.

THE WEST VIRGINIAN.

STANDARD OIL BUYS OIL IN RUMANIA

Half Million Barrels of Refined Product Contracted For.

(By Associated Press)
GENEVA, Thursday, Dec. 25.—Contracts have just been closed by the Standard Oil company with the Roumanian government and with private firms here for half a million barrels of refined petroleum, according to a Bucharest dispatch.

Truman Davis Dies Christmas Afternoon

Truman Davis, aged 47, a well known resident of this city died Christmas afternoon at 4:45 o'clock at his home on East Ferry street after an illness following an attack of influenza. He was a native of Doddridge county and was a son of Francis Marion Davis, deceased. He is survived by his wife and three children, Madeline, Paul and Robert. Several sisters and one brother survive him, also namely, Mrs. Grace Scott, of Arizona; Mrs. Ada Sullivan of Texas; Mrs. Ida Smith of Buckhannon; Mrs. Violet Bailey of Virginia; and Mr. Fletcher of Fairmont and William Davis of Clarkburg.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and was also a member of the B. and O. veterans association. He belonged also to the Knights of Pythias lodge, and the Diamond street M. E. church.

The body was prepared for burial by Undertakers Carpenter and Ford. No funeral arrangements have been made at this time.

Notice to City Taxpayers.

During the month of December all unpaid taxes for 1919 may be paid at their face value.

Beginning January 1st interest will be added to the legal rate. Why not pay now and save interest.

Z. F. Davis,
Treasurer.

YOUR TEETH NEED ATTENTION

Crown and Bridge Work a Specialty. \$5 and \$8 per tooth. Guaranteed 22K gold.

Open of Evenings for Working Men.

DR. R. A. STEHLEY
330 MAIN STREET.
Over Cope's Drug Store.
PHONE 630.

Masonic Reception to Be Held Tonight

Indications are that the reception to be tendered by Fairmont Lodge No. 9, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Masonic Temple this evening at 8:30 o'clock will be a big event. Fifty Christmas trees are being placed around the room as one of the chief forms of decoration today by Richard Shurtliff, chairman of the committee on decorations.

The Ladies of the Eastern Star will be dancing at the close of the night, music to be furnished by Phillips' orchestra.

This will be one of the big social events of the Christmas season.

FUNERAL OF MRS. KING.

The funeral of Mrs. Dorcas H. King, an aged and highly respected woman of this community, whose death took place on Wednesday morning, was held yesterday afternoon at Ray's chapel. Services were conducted by the Rev. S. J. Satterfield and interment was made by Undertaker R. L. Cunningham.

ITALY'S PRETTIEST



CHARLOTTE ORLANDO

ROME.—The most beautiful and favored girl in Italy is Donna Charlotte Orlando, daughter of the former premier. She won considerable reputation by her devotion to war work.

Wanted at Once

100 first class Carpenters at 80c per hour. Apply at Brass Works Hickman Run, Fairmont, W. Va.
Fred T. Ley & Co. Inc.
Contractors

WANTED AT ONCE.

25 Brick Masons \$1.00 per hour. Apply Brass Plant, Hickman Run, Fairmont, W. Va.
Fred T. Ley & Co. Inc.
Contractors

RAILROADS TO PAY PRICE FOR COAL RECEIVED

Forms Issued to Which Operators Swear to Price and Tonnage.

NO PAYMENT DATE GIVEN

Only Thirty-Five Per Cent of Miners at Work Today.

Railroads are showing a fairer disposition to settle for the coal that was confiscated during the coal strike recently and today a series of forms were received by a number of companies including the Philadelphia and Reading, Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad companies. The form must be sworn today, setting forth the exact tonnage and the price.

For some weeks the railroads, or at least a number of them, endeavored to pay no more than the government price of the region—\$2.50 for mine run and \$2.75 for lump coal. Some of the coal that was confiscated was export fuel, and the amount due the operators above the government price ranges anywhere from ninety cents to \$1.25 a ton.

The tie-up on the part of the railroads has started to work a hardship on the coal operators of this section, and already many of the small companies have been thrown up against it, resorting to the local banks to bridge them over until the railroads make payments. The complaints have been so numerous against the "poor pay" tactics of the railroads that apparently effort will be made to try and pay the claims, although the railroads gave no assurance or indication as to what date they will do this.

Men Scarce Today.
Probably only thirty-five per cent of the miners are at work today at the mines in the Fairmont district. The miners are taking the day off as a follow up of Christmas. Naturally the production in the region today will be very light, probably not reaching the 350 car mark.

Cars More Plentiful.

With Christmas day allowing extra time to bolster up the car supply the Monongahela division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad today has 1,385 cars in the region. The placement of this morning was 1,235. Cars ordered by the mines along the division totaled 1,564 today. Cars left over from the previous day are 72.

Today cars on the B. & O. railroad are classified as follows Open, 1,380; coke, 5.

Cars in the West Virginia district of the Monongahela railway today ran twenty-five per cent. There were 146 placed in West Virginia by 7 o'clock this morning while 267 cars were placed in the Pennsylvania district.

Wednesday's Production.

Production in the Fairmont region on Wednesday fell to 41 cars of coal and coke—414 cars of coal and 1 car of coke.

Mines along the Monongah division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on Wednesday loaded 263 cars of coal and coke—266 cars of coal and one car of coke.

Operations on the Monongahela railway in West Virginia on Wednesday produced 170 cars of coal in the West Virginia district and 69 cars in the Pennsylvania district.

No coal was produced on Christmas day on either the B. & O. or Monongahela railroads.

Daily Consignments.

On Wednesday these consignments were made of the Monongah division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad: Coal loaded east, 228 loads; coal loaded west, 40 loads; coke loaded west, 1 car; loaded by wagon mines, 3 cars; CBurris Bag shipments, 27 cars; Ohio points, 6 cars; Michigan points, 12 cars; miscellaneous points, 22 cars.

Railroad Fuel.

Railroad fuel shipments on Wednesday of the Monongah division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad were 53 cars. The largest consignment was received by the Boston and Maine railroad, which was 27 cars. All other consignments were greatly reduced.

Lutherans Remember Their Pastor at Xmas

At the Christmas entertainment of Grace Lutheran Sunday School on Tuesday evening the congregation presented its pastor, Rev. Roy J. Meyer, with a purse containing \$12. In addition Rev. Meyer received several personal checks and a number of other gifts.

WANTED AT ONCE.

100 laborers at 50c per hour (good) leaving accommodation and company at plant. Apply Brass Plant, Hickman Run, Fairmont, W. Va.
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Contractors

APPOINTED TO FIX COAL SCALE



Left, John F. White, former President of the United Mine Workers of America, who will represent the miners on the commission of three appointed by President Wilson. Right, Henry M. Robinson, of Pasadena, Cal., who will represent the public.



BELLVIEW BABY BURNED TO DEATH

Christmas Day Tragedy at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Hawkinberry.

Funeral services over the body of Wilwatha Raymond, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Hawkinberry whose death took place yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents on Factory street, Bellview as a result of burns received a short time previous were held this afternoon from the residence and interment was made in the Jones cemetery by undertaker Musgrave and Son.

Christmas day at about noon the little fellow followed his mother out of the house to the porch and while standing there a neighbor called to Mrs. Hawkinberry to come into her house to see some Christmas gifts. She stepped into the house for a few minutes and when she returned home was horrified to see her baby boy lying on the floor horribly burned. The child had returned into the house and it is supposed his clothing had become ignited from the flames from a gas fire.

The interior of the room where the tragedy occurred showed how the child had crawled on to a chair and then onto a table in an effort to put out the flames and had then reached the open door and fallen to the floor. His clothing was still burning when he was found and he lived less than an hour.

He was a popular child in the community in which he resided and his death has caused deep sadness there.

LET UM BLOW!



PEKING.—They're building up the little ones for the winter. And after the bundles have been tied and fastened there isn't much headway old Jack Frost can make on the little ones.

New Year's at the "Y"—The Y. M. C. A. will give a New Year's party on New Year's night from 7:30 to 10 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend. There will be an orchestra and a song-fest with a good leader and probably some good solos. Games and stunts will follow a regular program which is being planned and after this there will be an informal social hour with refreshments served.

A Bold Guess.

"The man who pretended he wanted alcohol for his radiator made himself terribly sick by drinking it," said Mr. Chauncey, reproachfully. "What's the matter with him?" inquired the earnest proprietor. "I don't exactly know. Maybe you'd call it auto intoxication." — Washington Star

Boy Scouts To Benefit by Gas Boom

(By Associated Press)
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—Common Pleas court today gave troop Number 4, Boy Scouts of McKeesport, permission to lease a lot it owns in the natural gas belt for drilling purposes. The lot was given to the troop some time ago by Harry Bruce and his wife, Liz, 216 Bruce.

Under the terms of the petition filed in court the troop is to get \$2,000 for the lease and one-eighth of what the well brings forth.

ALL JAIL BREAKERS ARE NOW BACK

Young Wilt Walked Into Tom Buckley's Office This Afternoon.

At 2:30 this afternoon Kenneth Wilt walked into the office of Deputy Sheriff Tom Buckley at the jail, looking sheepish, and Tom reached over and put a check mark at the end of the last on a list of four names and then said:

"All right, been looking for you any time; must have wanted to spend your Christmas on the outside." And that was all there was to the case of an incident which began Thanksgiving day when four prisoners took advantage of a chance to escape from the Marion county jail. At the time Jailer Buckley made the prediction that they all would come back.

Furbie Funeral to Be Held Saturday

Funeral services over the body of Howard R. Furbie, distinguished citizen of Marion county whose death occurred Wednesday morning at his home in Mannington will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the Methodist Episcopal church at Mannington. The services will be conducted by the Rev. John Beddow and interment will be made in the Mannington cemetery following the services. A request has been made that no flowers be sent to the home. Several local people will attend the funeral.

Christmas Program at Fleming Church

A large number of men, women and children enjoyed the Christmas tree and program at the Fleming church last evening. The chapel was packed to capacity and a program of an interesting nature was successfully carried out. A feature of this program was a Christmas solo sung beautifully by Mrs. D. P. Flith. A Christmas tree was a feature of the evening and from this tree toys, candy and fruit were distributed to the children. Presents were given several children who had been faithful in attendance upon the Sabbath school during the year. The community spirit prevailed throughout the evening and the affair was highly successful.

No Grip.

Solicitor—You don't think my job is real one? Why, I'm a traveling salesman. I sell brains not muscle. Solicited—Well, I must say, you're the first traveling salesman I ever saw that doesn't carry a sample with him.—Yale Record.

EMBEZZLER WHO WON WAR CROSS GETS NEW CHANCE

Incidentally He Gets His Decoration Conferred in His Real Name.

WAR ROMANCE OF NAVY

Youth Who Stole \$15,000 Took Nine Germans From the Kaiser.

(By Associated Press)
BOSTON, Dec. 26.—How Arthur E. Abbott long wanted as a fugitive from justice for the theft of \$15,000 from the Federal Trust company of this city enlisted in the marines and as Sergeant William F. Haskell was cited for brilliant war service was disclosed today when it was announced that he had been set free on probation by the district attorney and that he had received the Croix de Guerre officially under his right name.

Abbott, who was employed as a bank bookkeeper at \$20 a week disappeared in the fall of 1917 after the bank loss became known and it was learned that he had been living like a man of wealth and leisure away from his family. He evaded a nation wide search for him and enlisted in the marine corps at New Orleans as Haskell and went overseas with the Sixth Regiment. He was one of the famous 1300 marines who won through the Argonne. He was cited for bravery after capturing a machine gun and nine prisoners near Verdun on July 19, 1918.

After receiving a honorable discharge last January he immediately enlisted again as Haskell. He was detailed aboard the U. S. Dolphin in July and ordered to Portsmouth, N. H. where he was recognized and arrested.

District Attorney Pelletier of Boston on learning of his service record ordered his release on probation. He was rearrested by the Navy Department charged with enlisting under a false name, but his commanding officer affected his release within a short time and a few days later decorated him as Arthur Abbott with the Croix de Guerre before the ships crew and a marine detail drawn up at attention.

The citation accompanying the decoration was signed by General Petain and was presented to Abbott by his commanding officer in the absence of an official representative of the French government.

B. & O. Xmas Travel At Height Yesterday

Christmas travel on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad was the heaviest in history in the Fairmont section, according to J. D. Becker, ticket agent. Practically all of the business was short haul and few people traveled further than Pittsburg.

Travel on the Monongahela Railway was heavy over Christmas day. Harry Henry, baggage master at the Fairmont station of the Monongahela Railway, returned today from his home at Whitley, Greene county, Pa., where he spent Christmas at his home.

LIVE VENUS COMING



LONDON.—Miss Eva Balfour, the Venus of England, who has been a model for painters and sculptors, is coming to America, to appear on the stage. Her beauty and form have been so much the subjects of art that even poets have paid homage to Miss Balfour.