



WEATHER: Rain tonight and Thursday.

NEW CHANCE FOR SUFFRAGE

PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS OFFER BOOKS TO THE CITY

Feel That Their Resources Are Too Small for City's Needs.

CITY CAN RAISE FUNDS

Ten Thousand Books Were Circulated During the Past Year.

The Board of Directors of the Fairmont Public Library Association met for its twenty-ninth annual session last night in the library parlor. All the members except Mrs. Blair Mitchell were present.

The treasurer's report showed book circulation for the year to be over 10,000. Approximately 4000 books are in the stacks.

The treasurer's report showed over 11500 expanded in the maintenance of the library a sum which the directors deem entirely too small to increase the usefulness of the institution in this city. The following resolution was adopted:

Public Library Association have maintained at their own expense for a quarter of a century a public library in Fairmont, and WHEREAS, said library is now wholly inadequate to meet the needs of the rapidly growing population, and WHEREAS, a library that will meet the need is essential to progress both in education and morals, and WHEREAS, the state library law can be made operative to meet this situation by establishing and supporting a library by taxation, and WHEREAS, it is being true, it can be reasonably assumed that the city of providing a library should devolve upon a few individuals, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of the Fairmont Public Library Association in annual meeting assembled, recommend to the stockholders at their annual meeting to be held March 9th the following: 1. That the association donate \$10,000 to the city as a nucleus for a library supported by public taxation, all the books, magazines, bookcases, shelves, tables and other library furniture, now the property of the association—on condition that the city accept the same agreeing to make the same available to the public at an early date; otherwise the library property to be placed where use can be made of it.

2. That the building in which the library equipment is housed be sold, the association dissolved, and the charter surrendered to the state.

Directors present at the meeting were: Mrs. N. R. C. Morrow, pres.; Mrs. George DeBolt, vice-pres.; Mrs. J. Walter Barnes, sec. and treas.; Mrs. B. L. Butcher; Mrs. J. Engle; Mrs. J. E. Nichols.

Harding Sets New Fashion in Solid South

Ohio Republican is Making a Personal Campaign in Texas.

(By Associated Press) FORT WORTH, Texas, March 3.—Senator Harding, of Ohio, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, has set a precedent in southern politics by campaigning in Texas. He is declared to be the first Republican presidential candidate ever to campaign in person in this state.

RESTAURANT PEOPLE DEADLOCK ON TERMS

New Scale of Employes Goes Before Arbitration Committee.

Deadlocking over the acceptance of a scale the restaurant owners and employes will submit their case to a joint meeting of the owners and the Arbitration committee of the Trades Council to be held on Friday evening, at 8:30 o'clock at Hotel Watson.

The employes have submitted a scale, which runs as follows by the week: Chef, \$35; first cook, \$30; second cook, \$25; woman cook, \$20; waiters, \$25; waitresses, \$15. Their board must also be provided and an eight-hour day is observed. So far it is reported, one local restaurant has signed up the agreement.

It is reported that the employes have a proposition, which is scaled on an hour basis, which has no specifications as to the number of hours the employes shall work. The employes say if this scale were accepted it would mean considerable less in wages than by the scale they have submitted.

Rumors were current that a strike was effective today at some local restaurants, but investigation shows that this is not correct.

Buy Site For New Barrackville School

By a deed filed with County Clerk A. B. Martin this morning, the Board of Education comes into possession of a piece of land formerly owned by Mrs. Louise Conaway in Barrackville. The price paid was \$7,000. It is intended to build the new school house on this site in case the proposed bond issue of \$100,000 for two school houses to be located at Barrackville and Jayenne passes. Several meetings of citizens of both places as well as a joint meeting have shown a strong desire on the part of the citizens of both places for the new schools, and it is expected that when the election is held the project will be upheld by large vote in its favor.

Fifty Gallon Still Found by Officers

The largest still bagged by the flying squad of Federal and county officers up to the present was seized yesterday at Saw Mill run. Two wash-tubs and about twenty-five feet of lead tubing were parts of the outfit which has an estimated capacity of fifty gallons. Twenty gallons of mash was destroyed.

The same officers also arrested Joe Milich of Four States on a charge of operating a still, and Oreste Gatti and Jack Marona on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. All three were given a hearing before United States Commissioner J. P. Kirby and held for the Federal court in Wheeling in the sum of \$500 bail.

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CAR SUPPLY ON PORTUGUESE HAVE B.&O. RAILROAD IS CONTINUING FAIR

SOME IMPROVEMENT NOTED OVER SUPPLY OF FORMER WEEKS.

Supply of empties on the Monongah division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, while not adequate, is holding up well this week compared to the car supply that was furnished in past weeks. Today there are 727 cars on the division, while the early morning placement is 677. The cars today are classified as follows: Open, 688; coke, 19; n. e. c. x., 11; M. V. T., 9. There are 91 mines idle today because of the lack of cars.

C.D. ROBINSON BETTER NEWS IS NOT CONFIRMED

Was Able to Sit on Chair in Bed Room Last Night.

(By Associated Press) MADRID, March 3.—Reports from the Portuguese frontier today declare that the workmen in Portugal have proclaimed a soviet republic. The postal, the telegraphic and other workers are said to have joined the railroad men in the move.

The news which reached here from the border by telephone has not been confirmed.

MANY TRAFFIC LAW OFFENDERS UP TODAY

One Man Forfeited \$50 And Others Paid Fines of Various Sizes.

Including yesterday afternoon's hearings at police court, Chief Moran had a full and interesting report of the past day's happenings this morning. Promptly at nine several offenders stopped before the rail anxious to get business in hand over with. There was no lingering around the fire today with the sun outside offering more congenial possibilities.

W. M. Young, colored, grinned when the mayor asked regarding a fight which took place last night at a rooming house in Hull alley. There wasn't any fight to it, according to Young who explained that he just slapped Jim Williams with considerable force for refusing to pay back 15 cents which Williams owed him. Learning that Williams was recovering from influenza and said to be unable to defend himself properly Mayor Conaway sized up the situation as worth \$5. "Did you get \$5 worth of satisfaction out of your slap?" he inquired of Young. "Huh?" asked Young not just comprehending the expensiveness of a slap. He shuffled around before the rail some time before convinced that it was \$5 or jail. Much disgusted with life in general he received from the chief what was remaining from a \$10 forfeit which he was forced to put up last night and went slowly out of police court.

FEWER CRIMINALS SINCE BOOZE IS GONE

Former Warden of Penitentiary Says Inmates Have Dropped Off a Third.

Criminals at the state penitentiary at Moundsville have decreased a third since Mr. Booze was legislated out of West Virginia, according to M. L. Brown, cashier of the Fairmont State institution under the administration of former Governor W. E. Glasscock, of Morgantown. Mr. Brown made that statement and many others of interest in describing the penitentiary to the Boys' H-Y Club at the Y. M. C. A. last evening.

He told how the work was organized so that 300 men could occupy a four-acre tract. The average man in the penitentiary is illiterate and a school is held there to teach the inmates to read and write. Mr. Brown told how a mother received a letter from her son believed it to be a forgery as her son could not write, but later learned that he had been taught while in the penitentiary.

Dr. H. L. Satterfield, a member of the boys' work committee was one of the guests.

LOWESVILLE INFANT DIES.
The three-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hosner, of Lowesville, died yesterday of pneumonia. The funeral took place today with burial in Mt. Hood cemetery by Undertaker R. C. Jones.

GIRLS WANTED.
Steady work. Good wages.
American Laundry.

Pres. Wilson Takes Auto Ride Along Potomac

Is the First Time He Has Been Out of the White House Since Oct.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson went for a motor ride today leaving the White House grounds for the first time since he was ordered to bed last October by Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, "a very sick man."

The President was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Grayson and secret service men and took a spin around the Speedway, along the Potomac, a closed car being used and the party left through the southwest gate.

ENSIGN O'BEARNE BACK IN THE ARMY

With His Family He Left This Afternoon For Connellsville.

Ensign O'Bearne and family left Fairmont today on the 2:45 train for Connellsville, Pa., where the Ensign has received a very nice post. Yesterday Brigadier Albright from Pittsburgh notified O'Bearne of his new home and the former Salvation Army worker of this city who knew the call was coming immediately finished his packing preparatory to leaving today.

Ensign O'Bearne came to Fairmont about three years ago and made many friends, conducting Salvation Army work in two locations, the last from the old Elks' home on Main street which was turned into Army headquarters with the present detention rooms installed and fitted into temporary security for delinquent boys and girls under care of the juvenile court. The Ensign first established the Salvation Army Day Nursery in this city.

Ensign O'Bearne leaves the city with the best wishes of a host of friends and his last words were: "Tell my friends how much I have appreciated what they did for me and that I want them to help Captain Pickering when he takes my place as the best of their ability." The Ensign was relieved from his charge of Salvation Army work in this city some months ago due to his desire for a change on account of poor health. He was offered another post later but felt he could not leave the city until he had established his parents in a new home here which was then nearing completion. Temporarily he accepted a position in the stock room of the M. V. T. company where he has been employed until leaving the city today.

O'Bearne goes back to Salvation Army work with much enthusiasm and is looking forward to his home in Connellsville with the greatest of pleasure.

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Supper For Business Women at the Y M C A

Next Tuesday evening at 5:45 o'clock a supper will be held at the Y. M. C. A. for the business and professional women.

Mrs. George DeBolt will deliver the address.

Elks Elect Officers For Ensuing Year

Fairmont Lodge, 294, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, held its annual election of officers last evening. When these officers were elected, Brooks Fleming, Jr., exalted ruler; Arch F. Sandy, esteemed leading knight; Clyde Hays, esteemed loyal knight; Kenna Clark, esteemed lecturing knight; Charles D. Barry, secretary; Kreider A. Rock, treasurer; George D. Duerr, tiller; Robert T. Cunningham, trustee; Brooks Fleming, Jr., representative to the grand lodge; Marshall E. Ashcraft, alternate representative to the grand lodge.

Details were completed for the big initiation to be observed next Tuesday night at Masonic Temple. The Elks have enjoyed a very prosperous growth during the past year.

Logan Co. Sends Check to the S. A.
Logan Carr, one of this city's former residents, sends \$25 to the Salvation Army today which is appreciated very much by this organization. The following letter has also been received:

"I see by a Fairmont paper that you are in need of money especially at this time as there appears to be an unusual amount of sickness. Please find enclosed \$25. Mrs. Carr and I will be very thankful to you if you will use this to assist you in your good work. We regret to hear of the illness of Captain Pickering's wife and hope by now she is entirely well. With best wishes, Sincerely, Logan Carr."

The letter was received from California at Los Angeles where Dr. Carr is residing. Captain Pickering said this morning that it was especially gratifying to know that people way off in California found a moment to remember Fairmont and the Salvation Army.