

AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION WILL BE BANNER EVENT

Extensive Preparations for State Meeting Being Made at Bluefield Now.

BLUEFIELD, Aug. 14.—A continuous round of pleasure and excitement is what the Bluefield American Legion post is preparing for the West Virginia state convention of that organization, which will be held in this city on September 14-15.

A program almost unparalleled by any state convention in the country and far exceeding anything that ever has been attempted in this state before is being prepared by the local Legion backed by the Chamber of Commerce, Community Service and other organizations which are throwing themselves wholeheartedly behind the local post.

From the minute the hundreds of Legionnaires step off the Norfolk and Western trains, there will be something doing until time to leave. Among a few of the attractions slated are a sumptuous banquet, addressed by an international character from whom negotiations are now in progress and which will be one of the largest in point of attendance of any ever held in the state; a track meet where the widely and bravely among the ex-soldiers will have an opportunity to perform; a boxing match to determine the champion Legionnaire of the state; a golf tournament for the devotees of that sport; three large halls will be used for the lovers of the dance; boating and swimming will be provided at a beautiful nearby lake; and an auto race through the magnificent scenic drives of this locality will be provided by the hospitable citizens of Bluefield.

In order that no minute detail in arrangements be overlooked a dozen committees of the Legion are already at work making plans for the convention. It is expected that all previous attendance records will be broken next September as one post alone has promised to have its entire membership present. That post is Welch, the largest in the state. It is more than likely that the committees on transportation will be able to arrange for reduced rates to Bluefield in September.

ENTERPRISE

Weiner Roast

Mrs. Mildred Collins entertained a number of Enterprise young people at a weiner roast Monday evening. Although a storm brought the merry-making to a close at an early hour, the supper was thoroughly enjoyed by the party. The following young people were present: Mabel Wilson, Carrie Wharton, Virginia Saunders, Louise Saunders, Catherine Vance, Earl Higginbotham, Ray Saunders, Charles Parrish and several others.

Buy Property

Mrs. Mollie McIntire has purchased the property formerly owned by Mrs. Emma Starn on Chesapeake street. Mrs. McIntire will move her family to their new home as soon as the present tenants of the house can find a suitable location.

Return Home

The Misses Helen Josephine Marby, who have been taking the summer school course at Lake Chautauque, returned to their homes here today. The young women are members of the local school faculty.

To Give Corn Roast

Miss Louise Saunders will entertain with a corn roast at her home this evening. A number of invitations have been sent out and a delightful time is anticipated.

To Exchange

The Rev. Carl Bailey returned today from Buckhannon where he was called several days ago by the illness and subsequent death of a relative.

To Have Picnic

Plans for an annual Sunday school picnic of the M. E. Sunday school are being made by the social committee of the church. The outing will be held at Viopra grove August 24.

Tetrick-Sturm Reunion

Plans have been completed for the Tetrick-Sturm reunion which will be held Sunday August 20 at Viopra Grove near here. The committee in charge of arrangements has not found it possible to invite all relatives and connections personally or by letter, but plan that this announcement will be considered as an invitation to attend. Friends of the family will also be welcomed. A dinner will be served at noon hour.

Successful Social

The church social given by the ladies of the M. E. Church South Friday evening was a success both socially and financially. More than one hundred persons attended. The proceeds realized from the affair will be donated to the parsonage fund.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming of Fairmont were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. L. O. McIntire.

Arley and Ernest Conaway of Mannington attended the Tetrick funeral Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stewart, who spent a week at the home of relatives here, returned to their home at Barrackville.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ryan and children, who have been guests of relatives here for the past week will leave for their home in Wood County the first of the week.

Mrs. Sam Vangilder is home from

Respectability Made Long Beach Grow!

BY W. H. PORTERFIELD

Traveling southwest, across Nevada recently, I took a poll of my fellow passengers and discovered with a shock that more than half of them



were all joyfully anticipating bathing suits and bungalows in Long Beach.

What has made Long Beach, 20 miles southwest of Los Angeles, on the coast of the Pacific, the fastest growing city in America and one of the most remarkable communities in any country?

Lacking a bathing beach as good as any one of half a dozen others I could name within a few hours' drive, its climate possesses not the smallest measure of advantage over any point on the coast from Santa Barbara to San Diego. Of scenery it has none save that furnished by the bluest of blue oceans, the long majestic sweep of the surf breaking on a low flat, sandy beach. North and south a few miles distant, are picturesque rocks, caves and promontories where the spray supplies a million rainbows when mixed with California sunshine, but at Long Beach are none of these things.

No, candor compels even the most enthusiastic to admit that nature has done less any other spot along this coast.

Why So Fast?

Yet for five long years past, Long Beach has been the Mecca of a constantly increasing pilgrimage from all the middle west, and as a result a decade ago it was a straggling beach town of 17,000 people, today it is a modern city of nearly six times that number, galloping along at the rate of a million dollars the month in building permits and threatening to overtake its big neighbor, Los Angeles, in the next decade or two!

What is the answer? During the past five years I have asked a hundred persons all of whom had theories.

They were all, in my opinion, partly right, but chiefly wrong. The one big, outstanding cause for the remarkable growth of this remarkable city can be given in a word: PROHIBITION.

Venice, San Pedro, Redondo,

a week's visit with Mrs. Boyers Boice of Fairmont.

Mrs. Carl Bailey is the guest of relatives in Wheeling for several days.

Mrs. Raymond Satterfield and son Junior were guests of the former's brother, John Harter of Haywood, Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Tichenor was the guest of Mrs. Earl Harry at Bellevue Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. George Loth and Mrs. James Harbert of Shinnston were here Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Noah Stevens.

Mrs. Elizabeth Satterfield is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Harter of Wheeling.

Mrs. George Cook of Morgantown was the guest of Mrs. A. B. Vance the first of the week.

BAXTER

Surprise Party

Walter Osborne delightfully entertained a large number of friends at his home Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Osborne's birthday anniversary.

The guests gathered while Mrs. Osborne was attending prayer meeting and upon her return she was pleasantly surprised to find the party awaiting her. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Baxter stringed orchestra. Games were played, diversions and during the evening refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy were served.

Birthday Dinner

Walter Davis was host Sunday at a surprise party at his home on Church street, honoring the birthday anniversary of his wife, Mrs. Davis. Lunch was served at 1 o'clock with covers laid for fifty guests. In the afternoon the party motored to the "Big Rock" where swimming was indulged in.

Reorganize Class

The Woods Run Division, formerly the Linden Bible Class, was reorganized Friday evening. The meeting was held at the home of H. T. Wilson. The class will now be known as the Beulah Bible Class. Miss Hazel Wilson was elected leader. Mrs. Lloyd Brock will be in charge of the meeting this week.

Class Meets

The Billy Kerr Bible Class met at the home of L. C. Morris last Tuesday evening. The Reverend Kerr was in charge of the meeting. The topic of the lesson was, "The Betrayal of Christ." The next meeting will be held at the home of David Evans, with Mrs. James Weekly in charge.

Old Fashioned Program

An old-fashioned program will be given at the church Sunday night in charge of the older residents of Baxter. Old time songs will be a feature of the entertainment. Two numbers of special interest are recitations to be given by Mrs. Jane Hoult, Mrs. L. C.

Santa Monica—all with their admitted great attractions, subsidies and inducements, have been left gaping at the post, while Long Beach has entered home a winner to the music of bands and the flying of pennants and prohibition has done the trick.

Twenty-five years ago, when but a straggling village of a few hundred, every other point on the coast had its roadhouse and "joint" where a pleasant time might be had by all, if one cared to pay the price and accept the ministrations of old R. E. Morse and his accompanying headache.

Strong on Respectability.

Not so Long Beach—not so. While Los Angeles was drawing upon the world in general and the middle west in particular for recruits to supplement the local birth rate, Long Beach was telling a waiting world that buttermilk and grape juice carried no sting, and that there was on bright spot in southern California where one could take a dip in the surf or dance the two-step by moonlight and drink of the cup which adds no sorrow with it.

Respectability—that was old Long Beach's middle name. Churches, chautauques, Y. M. C. A. conventions, singing schools and "The Old Homestead" and "East Lynne" in the Opera House—that was the dope.

"Why this is just like home, only a thousand times better," sighed Mother as she sat on her bungalow porch and crocheted an antimacassar (whatever that may be) to the music of the perfectly respectable sea waves, while Father lighted the evening pipe, and went over to find a neighbor to talk to. Both had found what their souls were longing for perfectly respectable vacation place.

That night Pa and Ma wrote home to Banker Whitcomb in Red Oak and invited him and Ma Whitcomb to come out and see them "and make a long visit." The local banker was maybe getting a "leech" and his food didn't taste so good as it once did and he had plenty of money to live on "and let's go, Ma," was accepted with alacrity.

So the letters went by every mail and soon the trains were loaded with visitors who in turn became residents to engage in writing back to the folks they knew. It was like a lodge where you want everybody to join.

You talk about the hand that rocks the cradle ruling the world, I'll say she doesn't rule with the cradle. She generally rules the old boy, also. And Ma soon discovered that there wasn't none of them dance hall cabarets in Long Beach and a whole lot of other nights might be sure that nothing was a-going to lead Pa astray.

Oil, Oil!

Laugh if you want to, but there you have the answer. Let Venice hit it up till the wee sma' hours and San Pedro sailors make Rome

Robey and Mrs. Laura Brock, and a duet by Charles Toothman and William Clayton.

Death of Ray Amos

Ray Amos of Bayville, a former resident of Baxter, died at his home Friday morning at 2 a. m.

To Morgantown

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Robey left here Sunday for Morgantown where they will visit their grandson, who has been ill for some time.

Club To Meet

The Beulah "Booster" Sunday School Club will meet this evening at 7:30 in the church. An interesting program has been planned.

Personals

Fred Haney and daughter visited L. C. Robey Sunday. Miss Haney will remain at the Robey home for several days.

Mrs. Jess Gregory has returned home after a week's visit in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. James Gafferty and children, Jeanette and Billy, Portis Fairmont, visited Mrs. Pat Hayes Sunday.

Miss Reva Matheny, who was operated on at Pittsburgh for the removal of goitre recently, is improving. She will return home soon.

The Misses Ada and Mary Post are ill with tonsillitis.

"Skeets" Bowman visited at Baxter Wednesday evening.

The Reverend Henry Thomas Tuesday evening.

Mrs. L. C. Morris and children who have been the guests of friends at Morgantown, returned home recently.

Wilson attended a party at Bellevue Thursday evening.

Miss Celia Burnside, who has been attending the Normal School, will return to her home in Clarksville soon.

Mrs. Lettie Post, Mrs. C. Burn-



howl. Long Beach was headquarters of that respectability which is the handmaiden of righteousness and, just as honesty is the best policy, so it pays to be good. And Texas gamblers and grew and grew until today she is so big and powerful that she doesn't care if all the rest of the world goes dry as a sun-dried bone. She has won with a mighty handpick.

But prohibition didn't do it. They tell you that oil and water won't mix. Never believe it. Whenever I get to cogitating over the case of Long Beach, I think of that old classic, "Then as has gits."

Just as she had everything coming her way, along comes an engineer chap and discovers oil in the city lands, and the other day Texas gamblers, and the other day their \$7500-a-year city manager gave out an official statement which says that the net revenue from leases on city lands this coming year will be \$600,000, and that's all it costs to run the city!

Whoopie! No more taxes. Whoopie! Gosh, how those dear old Iowans do hate taxes, but, steady, Fanny, old girl, steady now—not so fast.

"Let's not cut the taxes," says the manager, "let's spend the money on a beautify our city." Secretary Ballard of the Chamber of Commerce tells me that's what they probably will do.

"Not so good," said the Iowans, but they grinned a bit, for most of 'em are rich and can afford to wait for dividends.

Then they went back to their horseshoe pitching in the city park, for I forgot to tell you that Long Beach is the official headquarters of the ancient and amalgamated world league for horseshoe pitch-

ers. The same old boys who used to pitch horseshoes behind the city livery stable at Foxville, have transferred their activities to Long Beach.

Daddies Win.

Well, the coming generation didn't like this any too-much. One day several Marys and Johns sided up to several fathers and tried to get 'em to quit.

"Pa," they said, "horseshoe pitching is such plebeian sport. Now, if you would only take up tennis or golf or polo or something fashionable. You'd look so sweet, Pa, in golf stockings and sweater."

Gosh!mighty, Pa just tightened the garters on his shirt-sleeves, hitched his galluses and took hold of another just-right horseshoe. Then the city council went all at and passed an ordinance and the horseshoe league got mad and notified the banks that they'd withdraw their deposits if they couldn't pitch horseshoes in the park, and the ordinance was killed in committee.

Pitching horseshoes may lack the excitement of stud-poker and the patrician finish of golf or tennis, but it happens to be the real, characteristic original middle west sport, born out of the need for relaxation at a time when there was no money to blow in on monkey-doodle pastimes. And as such, the transplanted Long Beacher, whose worst vice is tracking sand onto Ma's clean kitchen floor, just naturally loves it.

There you have the formula which has made Long Beach the most remarkable city of its time. (Copyright, 1922, NEA Service)

(Tomorrow—More about Los Angeles.)

FAIRMONT MAN BUYS WEBSTER SPRINGS HOTEL

C. S. Riggs Buys Property for \$38,000 Friday—McGraw Coal Land Also Sold.

C. S. Riggs of this city purchased the Webster Springs Hotel property, Webster Springs, W. Va., Friday afternoon for \$38,000. The property was bought purely as a speculation and no plans for its future management will be made until the sale is confirmed. Several years ago Mr. Riggs purchased the hotel, belonging to the McGraw estate in Marlinton.

Five hundred and sixty-one acres of coal land on Elk River and Point Mountain, 247 acres of coal land on Point Mountain and 2,188 acres of land on back fork of Elk and Point Mountain, underlaid with New River coal, were sold to J. M. Hoover of Webster Springs for \$41,000.

A tract of 854 acres of coal land in Harrison valley district was sold to a Mr. William of Wheeling, whose bid was \$2,600.

The sale was made by Special Commissioners E. D. Talbot of Elkins and E. H. Norton of Webster Springs by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, entered on the 23rd day of February, 1922, in the chancery cause of the First National Bank of Webster Springs et al. vs. Rose McGraw de Beritz, executrix of John T. McGraw, deceased et al.

EAST SIDE NEWS

Man-Finch

George Lee Linn of Taylor County and Miss Violet R. Finch of Mount Nebo, were united in marriage Saturday morning at the parsonage of the Central Christian Church by the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Gordon. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom returned to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Finch, where a wedding dinner was served. The immediate friends and relatives were present. The bride was accompanied in a navy blue suit with accessories of grey. They are spending a few days with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linn of Glad Creek, but will later take up their residence in the home of Mr. Linn at Tygart street.

At Camp

Mr. and Mrs. Levi B. Harr and children, Betty and Ingram, O. J. Fleming, Miss Jacob Harr and son George, Mr. and Mrs. La Follette, Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Harr and children, Jimmy, William and Robert Lee, Mrs. O. C. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips and children, Edward and Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phillips and daughter, Florence and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holt and son spent Sunday at the Harr camp on White Day.

To Meet

The Worth While Girls Mission Circle of the Palatine Baptist Church will meet this evening at the home of Miss Gertrude Hixenbaugh in Elkins street.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Palatine Baptist Church will meet Thursday evening with Mrs. F. A. Clark at her home in Merchant street.

To Pittsburgh

Hendon Fawcett and son James of Guffy street are spending a few days in Pittsburgh. They are attending the series of baseball games between Pittsburgh and New York.

At Colfax

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Carpenter and sons Hirschel and Clarence Carpenter and Mrs. Clarence Carpenter and children, spent Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. Kate Carpenter at Colfax.

At Morgantown

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Conley of Tygart street are the parents of a baby daughter born Friday.

Son Born

A son was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fleming of Florida avenue.

Visiting Here

Miss Lizzie Little of Colfax is the guest of relatives in the city. Miss Little was unfortunately a few days ago when she fell, fracturing her arm. The injured member is doing nicely.

Interesting Service

The service at the tent meeting on Fairfax street Sunday evening was very interesting, and a large crowd was present. Evangelist F. H. Kirkman of Newell, Ohio, is in the city and will assist with the meetings this week.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meredith and Mr. and Mrs. E. Henderson and daughter, Rosemary motored to Reedsville, Preston County, Sunday where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Dill. Mrs. Meredith will spend the week with her am. The remainder of the party returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hutchinson and children, Doris, Robert and Paul, and Mrs. Hutchinson's sister, Miss Jessie Ragu, returned Saturday from an automobile trip to Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Musgrove and children of Tygart street have returned from Mount Nebo, where they visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Finch.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ashcraft and daughters, Miss Essie Ashcraft and Mrs. Beverly Garrett, attended the funeral of the former's brother-in-law, Charles Davis at Farmington Sunday.

New Stage Censorship Plan Outwits Older Reformers

By JOHN O'DONNELL
NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—A censorship plan which, it is plausibly hoped, will be sane as well as sanitary now is ready to sit in judgment in Broadway drama.

Under the guiding hand of Augustus Thomas, recently appointed "big boss" of the theatrical world, the many groups interested in the stage have cleverly out-maneuvered the professional reformers.

Thomas and his associates have perfected a plan which, with admitted defects, has the virtue of forestalling political censorship.

This plan, which begins to function with the opening of the 1922-1923 season, is the outgrowth of combined efforts of dramatists, actors and producers.

300 Judges

A panel of 300 men and women will have the final decision on Broadway plays against which complaints have been made. This is the agreement reached by the civic authorities and the Joint Committee Opposed to Political Censorship of the Theater.

This committee includes representatives of the Authors League, Actors' Equity Association, American Dramatists, Producing Managers Association, Better Public Shows Movement and the New York drama league.

One-half of the panel will be selected by civic authorities and one-half by the committee. No one connected with the theater in a financial capacity is eligible.

"This panel," reads the announcement to prospective jurors, "has been selected only from the highest type of good citizenship, men and women of discriminating taste, broadminded intelligence, who, by discouraging the meretricious will encourage the sincere treatment of any and all subjects of social significance and moral value."

Reformers Banned

No person having any connection with any reform movement shall be nominated for the panel, the announcement adds.

The jurors are instructed that two motives are behind the censorship plan—"To eliminate the contemptible, salacious play written from the catch-penny motives of appealing to the taste of a Peeping Tom" and "to assure the drama of protection from an actual interpretation of blue laws."

Sitting in judgement on a play the jury of twelve shall consider it

from two points of view. If the jury decides there are any portions of the play objectionable from the point of view of public morals, the manager shall have one week to adjust the play. After a week, the jury shall view the play and, if it still deems the play objectionable, the play shall be immediately closed.

If the jury decides the play as a whole is objectionable, the play shall be closed at once.

years on the circuit bench and he has stated that he does not desire to be a candidate for the higher tribunal.

Former State Senator George E. Price of this city has been appointed by Chairman Dunlap as chairman of the committee on arrangements for the convention. Other members of the same committee, all residents of Charleston, are: Mrs. Thomas W. Eldon, associate chairman; Mrs. W. S. Sheppard, Mrs. J. E. McDonald, J. E. Chilton, Mrs. W. D. Bell, Harry Wiourney, Miss Ethel Jeffers and Dr. G. C. Robertson.

There will be a meeting of the state executives committee in the assembly room of the Kanawha Hotel this evening, at which a full attendance of the membership is expected by Chairman Dunlap.

In his letter to county chairmen instructing them to see that each county is well represented by excellent men and women in the party at the judicial convention, State Chairman Dunlap concluded:

"Do not rest upon your arms with the incoming tide of victory, but pull with determination that when the campaign is over we will rejoice in that we have loyally done our part."

DIES IN WHEELING

Mrs. A. E. Lewis and Mrs. Damaris Lewis of Wheeling left Saturday evening for Bradford, Pa., by the body of Mrs. Damaris Rooker Stewart, 90 years old, whose death occurred at Wheeling on that morning. She was a resident of Bradford, Pa., for a number of years but came to Virginia to reside in 1902 and lived with Mrs. A. E. Lewis in Wheeling. She was the only surviving member of a large family and was the widow of George's Stewart.

Major Neely Slated for Chairman of Judicial Meeting in Charleston

CHARLESTON, Aug. 14.—Every county in West Virginia will be represented at the democratic judicial convention to be held in this city tomorrow, according to assurances received by the Democratic state chairman, R. F. Dunlap of Hinton, from the county chairmen.

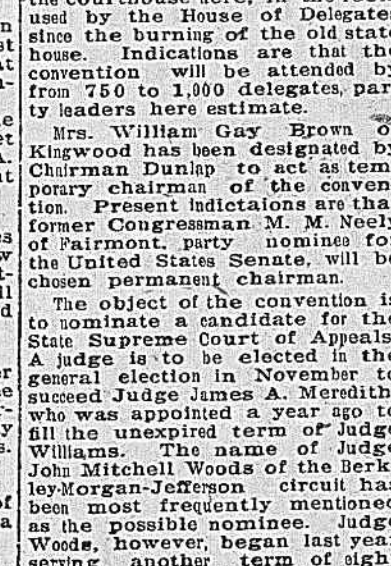
The convention will be held in the courthouse here, in the room used by the House of Delegates since the burning of the old state house. Indications are that the convention will be attended by from 750 to 1,000 delegates, party leaders here estimate.

Mrs. William Gay Brown of Kingwood has been designated by Chairman Dunlap to act as temporary chairman of the convention. Present indications are that the Democratic party nominee for the United States Senate, will be chosen permanent chairman.

The object of the convention is to nominate a candidate for the State Supreme Court of Appeals. A judge is to be elected in the general election in November to succeed Judge James A. Meredith, who was appointed a year ago to fill the unexpired term of Judge Williams. The name of Judge John Mitchell Woods of the Berkeley-Morgan-Jackson circuit has been mentioned frequently mentioned as the possible nominee. Judge Woods, however, began last year serving another term of eight

Marilynn at Love Bungalow

Here's Marilynn Miller Pickford picking flowers at her new home in Los Angeles which she calls her "love bungalow."



Traveling 1800 Miles on Three-Goat Power



Dave Burlingame, of Duluth, and Fred Oster, of Minneapolis, students at the University of Minnesota, are spending their vacation driving from St. Louis to Glacier National Park with the above outfit. Burlingame is driving, while Oster repairs the "spare tire."