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THAW

TO REMAIN FIVE DAYS AT WHITE PLAINS, THEN BACK TO MATTEAWAN.

Mount Vernon, Aug. 13.—Justice Mills said he had allowed Thaw to stay five days more at the White Plains jail on the plea of his mother. He said Mrs. Thaw called him over the telephone yesterday and asked that her son might be permitted to remain at White Plains until Tuesday, so she could arrange certain matters with him there.

Charles Morschauer said Mrs. Thaw wants time to arrange for a residence at Matteawan so she can occupy it as soon as her son returns. Thaw's contention that his original commitment to Matteawan was illegal will be argued before the state court of appeals during the week of October 4. Attorney Morschauer contemplates no further legal proceedings before that time.

Justice Mills closed his decision yesterday by saying:

"The court is by no means satisfied with the treatment which Thaw has received at Matteawan since his return there in October last, after his unsuccessful attempt in the courts then to obtain his freedom. No one could help being greatly moved by the deep and manifestly unfeigned distress of the mother when, as a witness, she narrated that treatment. It must be understood that Thaw is not at the hospital as a criminal to undergo punishment. The jury, the supreme authority in the matter, has, by its verdict, declared him innocent of any crime in the matter.

"The jury's verdict must be respected, at least, by all public officials. In the hospital he must be regarded as an unfortunate person afflicted with mental derangement, there not to be punished for any crime, but solely to be cared for, protected and guarded so that he may not injure another or himself, but always with the distinct hope that he may be cured ultimately, however great or small that hope may really be. It is well, doubtless, that care should be exercised by the authorities that Thaw be not favored because of the wealth and social position of his family. It is well, however, that care be exercised that he be not treated any worse on these accounts."

"The decision ends with the statement that 'the enlargement of Harry K. Thaw be dangerous to the community, and he is therefore, remanded to Matteawan Asylum, whence he was produced before this court.'"

KANAUGA IS IT.

Kanauga with her new depot and electric lights is certainly putting on city airs. Since the new electric line was put in operation, traffic has doubled and everybody up there is getting a hustle on.

The fact is, Kanauga is a pretty place. Right across the river Point Pleasant and its steamboats and other boats are to be seen, the two immense bridges spanning Kanawha and the Ohio, the constant travel of people to and fro over the ferry, their busy broom factory, the stores, and the kind and hospitable neighbors doing all they can to build up the little town, the round house and car barns and everything around make it appear lively.

These new men, the Howards, Marsh, Douglas, Cunningham and others have put a new life and vigor into everything about there, until it extends across the big farms of bottom land that are between Kanauga and the hills. Everything about looks good and "up and comin'" and a new birth is in everything.—Gallia Times.

The Chicago University professor who says that women is to blame for everything ought to be ashamed at this late date to be falling in line with the generations of plagiarists of Adam.

GATHER MUSSELS.

INDUSTRY A VERY PROFITABLE ONE AND IS PROVING VERY PRODUCTIVE.

That there are more ways of making money than of killing a cat, is evidenced by the work that is being performed by a crew of men in the Ohio river in this county. This particular industry is known as the mussel shell business, and is operated by a company with a large capitalization. The name of the company is Struve and Barrett. Mr. Struve is a Mississippi man and Mr. Barrett comes from Vanceburg, Ky. They annually employ about 1,000 men in the summer months on the river between Letart Falls, W. Va., and Vicksburg, Miss., gathering mussels, which are shipped to a central point, boiled until they are clean, dried and then shipped to manufacturers of "pearl" buttons. The company pays their men 20 cents per bushel box to get the shells out of the water, and the finished product sells for \$35 to \$60 per ton. In the neighborhood of Point Pleasant, the deposit of mussels is over two feet thick in the bed of the river, and the men who are employed on the work, most of whom are local rivermen, are able to make good wages.

CAN FLY A MILE HIGH.

Orville Wright has some interesting things to say in regard to the height attainable by flying machines—a point to which there has been some absurd criticism based on the low altitudes to which aeronauts prudently keep for the present. He says that by his calculations his machine can ascend to the height of a mile and remain in the air 25 hours at a speed of from 30 to 40 miles an hour. This would give a distance of from 750 to 1000 miles. The height of a mile, certainly, should serve to protect from the guns of an enemy. He does not expect to see freight carried through the air, but within a short time, he believes, the aeroplane will be available for mail service. There must be many towns in the United States which could be served much more promptly this way than by rail, because the shortest way can be taken. The Wrights will stop in England on their way to Germany, where they have some contracts to complete. They are quite sure, by the way, that none of the European machines are better than theirs.

COUNTY COURT DOINGS.

Geo. D. Morrison was granted an exoneration of \$4.28 from an erroneous assessment for 1908 on a lot at Elmwood, Union district.

Claims allowed:—Graham District Road fund, \$53.90; county fund \$346.50.

J. E. Johnson resigned as Constable in Lewis district, and R. L. Kayser was appointed to fill the vacancy and gave bond in the penalty of \$2,500 with E. McElfresh, D. S. Snyder and B. H. Blagg, as sureties.

Licenses issued by County Clerk's office in July, 1909:

7 hotels, &c.,	\$ 16.05
1 druggist.....	25.00
1 show.....	60.00
1 junk dealer.....	25.00
42 tobacco, &c.,	224.50
2 cigarette.....	20.00
1 slot machine.....	2.20

Total,\$ 372.75

This money goes to the state. There were 26 marriage licenses issued in July and the state gets \$26 from this source.

After having been caught in sudden showers two or three times the intelligent man learns to carry an umbrella and thus bring on a protracted drought.

It is all right to sing and talk and rave over the scent of the new-mown hay, but take a thought of the chaps who have to harvest it.

HOCKING VALLEY

DEAL HANGS FIRE, ITS CONSUMMATION IS NOT NOW IMMINENT.

New York, August 13.—It can be stated on the authority of interests closely associated with Edwin Hawley that there are no new developments which warrant the recent rumor that the Chesapeake and Ohio is to acquire the Hocking Valley, which extends from Toledo into Columbus, O., with numerous ramifications through the coal districts to a point on the Ohio river. This road controls the Toledo and Ohio Central, which practically parallels this route and covers the same territory, and the Kanawha and Michigan, which meets these roads at the Ohio and runs down to Charleston, W. Va., connecting there with the Chesapeake and Ohio. These roads form a system which practically monopolize the transportation system in that district, their principal traffic being coal.

While the possibility of the purchase of the Hocking Valley by the Chesapeake and Ohio was not denied, it was stated that such a move is not imminent. It is not news that several times in the past such a plan has been proposed, and received serious consideration, but an interesting report about the story, and one which put a new light on the matter, is that Mr. Hawley has not been the bidder, but that the advances have come from the Morgan interests, representing the five railroads which control the Hocking Valley through the ownership of \$6,924,000 out of \$11,000,000 common stock. These roads are the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern and the Erie, each of which owns one-sixth interest, except the first named, which holds two-sixths. This block of stock was formerly held in trust, but has now been distributed to the roads.

"MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA."

Henry Clay Work, to whose memory a monument has been unveiled at Hartford, Conn., struck out one of the world's melodies when he composed "Marching Through Georgia." It is America's music, observes the Boston Transcript. It has a swing that catches the soldiers' fancy, and a cadence that sets the feet marching. Not standing the test of severe musical criticism, perhaps, it has nevertheless penetrated into the camps of many lands. The Japanese have it in their band books and it was played when they marched into Port Arthur in the Chinese war. British soldiers sing it with a spirit if not with an understanding, and it is rivaled in their favor only by "John Brown's Body." The Germans have taken it up, on the initiation of some Germans who, returning to complete their military service, taught it to their comrades. Possibly the French bands play it, for French bandmasters have quick ears for anything with a martial rhythm.

LECTURE.

HON. VIRGIL A. LEWIS AND DR. M. F. ANDREW AT THE INSTITUTE.

Hon. Virgil A. Lewis will lecture at the Court House on Wednesday evening, August 25; and Dr. M. F. Andrew of Cincinnati, on Thursday evening. No admission fee.

Now that that tariff has been disposed of the next thing to engage the attention of West Virginians will be the Home Coming Week in Point Pleasant, Oct. 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The fine growing rains of the past few days will tell on the cost of food before long, and the story will be of the right kind.

DEMAND FOR LABOR

CONTRACTORS AT HUNTINGTON SEEKING LABORERS.

There is needed no better evidence of returning prosperity than an incident which took place in Huntington yesterday. Contractors doing railway work less than twenty miles from Huntington, on the Norfolk & Western railway came to Huntington yesterday in quest of laborers. Being unable to procure the number wanted, the contractors went to the city authorities and asked permission to pay the fines of a number of men who are working out fines on the streets, under the stipulation that the men be released and allowed to go to the railway works. The authorities granted this request and the matter was put before the men. The purpose failed however, for not one of more than twenty to whom this proposition was made accepted it.

The contractors who were here yesterday declared that a thousand men could secure work along the line of the N. & W. between Portsmouth and Williamson within the next week, railway work and mines being short of men. There are many new mining ventures almost ready to start in Wayne and Mingo counties.—Advertiser.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

Last Sunday, the 15th, was the 73rd birthday of Rev. W. O. Owens, the well known and beloved Baptist minister of Letart, and on that day, despite the rain, a large company of children, grand-children, great grand-children, neighbors and friends from various parts of this and Jackson counties, met at his pleasant home to honor him and the day.

They found him hale and hearty for a man of his years, and, as always in the past, with a smile and kind greeting for each one, though at times his eye became moist and his voice trembled as he clasped the hand of some old and dear friend, but soon his cheerful sunny disposition that has made him so dear to his friends would assert itself again, and jokes, repartee and laughter would resume their sway.

At noon a bounteous repast was spread before the guests, and of course it was enjoyed to the limit, and by none more than the host and his good wife.

For a while after dinner the guests sat around and talked among themselves and their host and hostess, but they all seemed to feel that something more formal was in order, and so, J. O. Sayre, B. H. Blagg and Rev. Dan Aten were each in turn called upon for a speech, and each responded in his happiest vein; indeed it seemed an easy task to speak of Rev. Owens and his life work for each one had felt the uplifting influence of his noble christian character.

When they had finished, brother Owens arose and with a voice full of emotion thanked the speakers for their kind words, and also thanked his friends for their kind remembrance socially, but also in a more substantial way. He said, "I would be afraid to show you what is in my packets, because you might think I had been with the counterfeiters that were recently captured near here, but it is real money, for which I thank you all."

After singing "God be with you till we meet again," the crowd dispersed each one voicing the benediction pronounced by Mr. Blagg at the close of his address: "Now, unto thee and the companion of thy bosom, be given all the bountiful things brought forth by the sun, the benign things brought forth by the moon, the lovely things brought forth by the stars, the love and charity of thy friends and neighbors till thou fall asleep."

Laws that cripple legitimate business are laws that should be repealed.

MASS MEETING

HELD AT ARBUCKLE CHURCH IN UNION DISTRICT.

On the evening of August 14, a mass meeting was held at the Arbuckle church, in Union district. A. S. Riffe was made President and Dell Upton Secretary.

It was stated that the object of the meeting was:

First, To inquire into the facts respecting the Acts of our legislature.

Second, To express our approval or disapproval; and

Third, To take steps to adjust any laws not agreeable to our wishes.

After reading from the Acts of 1909, chap. 60, secs. 1, 12, 13, 18; chap. 68, secs. 107, 115; speeches were made by Geo. W. Knapp, Robt. Keifer, Henry Smith, M. F. Smith, T. R. Workman, Dell Upton and others, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Many of the laws enacted by the legislature of West Virginia are not in the interest of the mass of the people and are manifestly unjust; therefore, we denounce these laws and demand their repeal or amendment so as to comport with the interests of those concerned. Among the laws against which we complain are the following, viz: The Fish and Game Law. The Reform Tax Law. License tax, et al.

Resolved, That we denounce the action of our last legislature in its refusal to allow the people to say whether West Virginia shall wet be or dry.

Resolved, That we recommend the Initiative and Referendum.

Resolved, That we recommend the Income tax.

It was resolved to make the organization permanent, and a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws.

The house then adjourned to meet again August 21.

Invitations have already been received to hold similar meetings at other places and a date has been fixed for Elmwood school house, August 20, at 8 p. m.

We call upon all who are interested in these matters to co-operate with us.

Those wishing information or assistance in holding such meetings should write to Dell Upton, route 3, Leon, W. Va.

NATURAL LEAF

NEW ACT PROVIDES FOR SALE OF UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO WITHOUT TAX.

Treasury decision No. 1527 should be received by every smoker or chewer, who enjoys real tobacco with enthusiasm. It provides that unmanufactured natural leaf tobacco can be sold to the consumer without the payment of tax of any kind. The act was approved August 5th and takes effect immediately.

According to the old act there was a tax on tobacco which necessitated its passing through the hands of the manufacturer in order that the tax might be collected. The effect was to prohibit the sale of unmanufactured natural leaf tobacco by the retail dealers to the consumer. The new law opens the way for the farmer to sell the tobacco to the retailer, which was impossible before and allows it to be sold without any tax. It also provides that the retailer may sell the tobacco "unmanufactured," in retail quantities. The result will be that the consumer can buy natural "undoctored" tobacco, untaxed, from his retail dealer, provided he doesn't buy too much.

The law provides that the tobacco must be unstemmed, unaltered in the natural leaf, and raised and grown in the United States before it may be sold without the tax. It cannot be sold by the farmer, untaxed to manufacturers of tobacco, snuff, or cigars.

BASE BALL

POINT PLEASANT 9, RIPLEY GETS NOTHING.

BY GLENN MATHEWS.

The game here last Sunday was at first, thought going to be one of the most interesting and hotly contested games of the season, but such was not the case, as Ripley came here badly crippled and had to borrow players here to start the game.

Line up:
Point Pleasant—Ashworth, 1. f., Park, r. f., Ingles, 1. b., Johnson, c. Smith, c. f., Greenlee, s. s., W. Burdette, 2. b., S. Burdette, 3. b., Harrison, p.

Ripley—Lee, p., O'Brien, 1. b., Kerwood, c., Lockett, c. f., Crow, 2. b., Blessing, r. f., Varian, s. s., Russel, 1. f. and 3. b., Elias, 3. b., Hutchinson, 1. f., Dashner, 3. b.

First inning—Lee grounded to Greenlee who threw wild to Ingles. O'Brien flied to Smith. Kerwood forced Lee to second. Lockett out. Harrison to Ingles. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Ashworth fouled to Lee. Park out. Varian to O'Brien. Ingles singled to left. Johnson fanned. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Second inning—Crow out. W. Burdett to Ingles. Blessing fanned. Varian singled to left. Russel out. Park to Ingles. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Smith safe on Elias' error. Greenlee walked. W. Burdett doubled to right scoring Smith. S. Burdett singled to left scoring Greenlee. Harrison flied to Lee. Ashworth flied to Blessing. W. Burdett scored. Park singled to left. Ingles singled to left scoring S. Burdett. Johnson flied to Lockett. Four runs, 4 hits, 1 error.

Third inning—Elias singled to left. Elias out stealing second. Lee out. Harrison to Ingles. O'Brien out. W. Burdett to Ingles. Hutchinson went to left field and Russel to third base. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Smith singled to left. Greenlee out. Lee to O'Brien. W. Burdett flied to Lockett. S. Burdett flied to O'Brien. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Fourth inning—Kerwood fanned, Lockett doubled to left. Crow fanned. Blessing hit by batted ball. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Harrison flied to Crow. Ashworth out. Varian out. Park flied to Blessing. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Fifth inning—Varian fanned, Russel flied to W. Burdett. Hutchinson made first on Harrison's error. Lee grounded to Ingles. No runs, no hits, one error.

Ingles singled to left. Johnson made first on Crow's error. Ingles scored. Johnson went to third on passed ball. Smith singled to left scoring Johnson, Smith stole second. Greenlee safe on Crow's error. Greenlee stole second. W. Burdett flied to Blessing. Smith scored. Greenlee scored. S. Burdett singled to left.

6th inning—O'Brien lined to Harrison, Kerwood fanned, Lockett flied to W. Burdett. Oliver went in to pitch for Ripley. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Game called on account of rain.

Game by innings:
1 2 3 4 5 6—R H E
Ripley 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 4
Point Pleasant 0 4 0 0 5—9 10 3

Two base hits, Lockett and W. Burdett; stolen bases, Smith, Greenlee, Park, S. Burdett.

Struck out by Harrison, 5.
Struck out by Lee, 1.
Base on balls, off Lee 1.
Umpire, Johnson.

An interesting game was played on Saturday between the Point Pleasant Athletic Club and a team from Leon, on the home grounds, which resulted in a tie game, 6 and 6. We were not furnished the particulars.