

EXTRA CONGRESSMAN

SIX REPRESENTATIVES IN WEST VIRGINIA AFTER 1910 CENSUS.

A prominent state official, and one whose activities give him an excellent opportunity to judge of West Virginia's growth and development, declared in the hearing of a well known Huntington man that the census of 1910 will give West Virginia an additional congressman, increasing the total delegation in the lower house from five to six, says the Huntington Advertiser. Since such a discovery would necessitate a complete rearrangement of the political map of the state and would, at the time, jeopardize the fortunes of a number of men who seem, under the present arrangement, to have the promise of indefinite tenures, this declaration has had the effect of creating a wave of agitation among the politicians.

The redistricting of the state for congressional purposes would probably be followed by a general rearrangement, which would include state senatorial districts and judicial districts.

The readjustment of the congressional districts and the admission of an additional division would be fraught with problems which would take much time calculating to figure out the satisfaction of the regnant politicians. The first consideration would be to determine upon a course of procedure which would insure six republican congressmen from West Virginia. Second to this consideration would be that of pursuing a course which would leave unruffled the feathers of the five congressmen now in office, and build up the new district out of the counties or situated geographically as to leave Hubbard in the First district, and leave him dominant in the counties reserved to the First, with a similar course of treatment for Sturgiss, Woodyard, Gaines and Hughes.

Mr. Gaines would, of course, insist upon having the big majority of Fayette kept at his back, while our own Mr. Hughes would not cheerfully acquiesce in any arrangement which would rob him of McDowell's ever ready largest of republican votes.

There are manifold reasons to believe that the census of 1910 will show a population sufficient to entitle the state to an additional congressman. There are just as many reasons to believe that a highly interesting political situation will follow this discovery.

HOT AFTER 'EM

"DIRK" WANTS TO KNOW BY WHAT RIGHT COMMISSIONS CAN BE TAKEN.

Manager Register:

Dear Sir:—In your issue of the 25th, there is an article "Of Interest to Notaries," signed by the clerk of the circuit court. This article is of interest to all Notaries in this State and as I myself am a Notary Public "of and for the County of Mason," appointed by the Hon. Wm. A. McCorkle, when Governor of the State "for life or during good behavior," I for one would like to know how, and by what right our commissions can be taken away from us on the 31st day of Dec. 1909, by the action of any body of Legislators. I understand that new Commissions will have to be applied for and a fee paid for them considerably larger than we paid originally. It is hardly a "square deal" towards us and I believe we could hold our commissions; certainly if we would unitedly contest this scheme for getting more funds for our "tax reform legislature." I would be glad to hear from other Notaries of this State through the columns of the Register.

Yours, with a Notary Public Seal,
"Dirk."

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ANNUAL CONVENTION

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AT PARKERSBURG, SEPT. 6.

The Fortieth Annual Convention or the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of West Virginia will convene at Odd Fellows Temple, on Fifth Street in the City of Parkersburg, on the 8th day of September. This Convention will be attended by two hundred and twenty-five Grand Lodge delegates and possibly as many more Past Chancellors and members of the Order, and will be the most interesting Convention in the history of the Grand Lodge, as many very important matters will come before it including a revision of the Grand Lodge Statutes.

The Grand Temple of Pythian Sisters will also assemble in Parkersburg at the same time, and from present indications it will be attended by far the greatest number ever in attendance.

The Uniform Rank will go into camp in the same city on Labor Day, September 6th. The formal opening taking place at 4 p. m., at which short addresses will be made by Major General Arthur J. Stobbart, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Brigadier General Chas. A. Barlow, of Benwood; Mayor W. B. Pedigo and J. W. Vanderwort, of Parkersburg. Fully one thousand officers and Sir Knights are expected in this camp. Several companies will come from Maryland and Ohio. Athens Company has agreed to have seventy-five men at the opening of camp. The camp site is an ideal one, right in the city, and will possess all the comforts to be found in any camp, including good meals, right on the ground, at twenty-five cents, water, electric light, telephone and street car service. A Brigade Band of one hundred musicians will give concerts each night on a large band stand right in camp. They will remain in camp throughout the entire week and on Friday the competitive drills will begin, in which some ten or twelve companies have entered. Over seven hundred dollars in prizes will be given away. First prize, \$175.00; second, \$125.00; third, \$75.00; biggest company in camp, \$50.00; best appearing company in parade, \$50.00. Line Officer's Sabre to Captain of Company whose quarters are kept in best shape throughout the Encampment. Field Officer's Sabre to the Colonel who has the greatest number of his command in camp. Line Officer's Sabre to the best Company Commander. A silk flag to the regiment winning greatest number of orderlies at Guard Mount. A flag to the regiment winning the Tug of War. Many other prizes in gold to the tallest and shortest man in camp, the winner of the fat man's and the lean man's race. Merchants will also give many prizes away. The big Street Parade on September 9th will be the finest military spectacle ever seen in Parkersburg.

Persons desiring any kind of information should address W. E. Price, Chairman, or L. V. G. Morris, Secretary of the Executive Committee, Parkersburg W. Va. Parkersburg is making great preparations to receive their visitors, and anyone who ever visited Parkersburg knows there is a good time in waiting for all who attend.

BASE BALL.

The game here last Sunday between the home team and Minersville resulted in a victory for Point Pleasant by a score of 3 to 1.

The Teddy Bears, colored, defeated the Y. M. C. A. club, colored, of Huntington, last Sunday, by a score of 9 to 3. The Teddy Bears have at last struck their gait and are going some.

Mr. D. N. Folden accidentally mashed his foot the other day and is suffering much pain.

LABOR DAY.

PARKERSBURG WILL HAVE AS A PRINCIPAL ATTRACTION AN AUTO RACE MEETING.

Labor Day, Monday, September 6th will be an event of considerable importance at Parkersburg. The principal event of the day will be the annual Automobile race meet given under the auspices of the Automobile Club of Parkersburg. The well-known Shattuck Park with its splendid unexcelled track has been secured as the place for the meet, and in all the country there could not be found a place so admirably selected for an event of this kind.

The Parkersburg Automobile people are making every possible effort to make this meet one long to be remembered and the important event of the year. Some very celebrated drivers have been engaged and the races promise to be interesting and exciting.

Many purses and prizes have been offered which will lend considerable interest to the occasion. The merchants in Parkersburg are showing their interest by offering valuable cups and trophies as an incentive to the local motor enthusiasts to participate.

Automobile men from all the other cities within a reasonable radius of Parkersburg will be in attendance. Several different Automobile concerns are interested and will have on display at this meet their 1910 models. So this race meet will not be only a racing event, but also an Automobile show to a certain extent.

Parkersburg has perhaps as many Automobile enthusiasts as any other city in the country when population is considered. The railroads have arranged to give special rates, and by reason of Parkersburg's convenient location and its accessibility an attendance will be far in excess of expectation.

The best music obtainable has been engaged. The Parkersburg Automobile people intend to make this not only a racing event but a gala day, and this notice is an invitation to every Automobile owner and enthusiastic to attend and contribute to the success of the affair. The proceeds will be used for the improvements of good roads and highways, and for this reason every person interested in good roads should attend.

Governor Glasscock has signified his intention to be in Parkersburg on that day. The Governor is for good roads, first, last and always, and a mighty staunch friend of the Automobile men. The Hon. Chas. P. Light, State Highway Commissioner, a live wire in the good roads cause will make an address outlining the splendid work under way for the promotion of good roads and highways.

Those desiring any further information will address the Automobile Club, of Parkersburg.

CHARLESTON P. M. SUICIDES.

Geo. E. Belsches, postmaster at Station A, Charleston, committed suicide at his home on Columbia avenue, Thursday evening by shooting himself through the head. He had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for some time, which affected his mind. He went home and threatened to kill his wife, so that they would both die together. She escaped. After going around the house, presumably looking for his wife, he remarked: "See how easy it is," as he fired the fatal shot.

Postmaster Frank J. Hudson audited the accounts of Geo. E. Belsches, who committed suicide, and the accounts were found correct in every detail. Belsches for thirteen years was postmaster at Station A in West Charleston and was an efficient official.

A couple was arrested in New York recently on a charge of "hugging in public." They ought to come to Point Pleasant.

GOES TO GALLOWS

ARTHUR BROWN STANDS MUTELY ON SCAFFOLD TILL TRAP IS SPRUNG.

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 27.—Arthur Brown, negro murderer of Robt. Shannon, of McDowell county, paid the penalty of death for his fiendish crime on the scaffold at the Moundsville penitentiary this afternoon at 5:10 o'clock.

The negro, who since his incarceration in the penitentiary, gained the reputation of being the coolest criminal ever penned behind the gray walls of the institution, maintained his cool and indifferent composure until the end. After smoking a 25 cent cigar in company with Captain of the Guards C. G. Dawson in the death cell, the negro coolly announced that he was ready to start the death march to his doom.

ASCENDS SCAFFOLD.

Brown, arm in arm with Captain Dawson, started on the march at 5 o'clock, followed by Prison Chaplain Sanford, Warden J. E. Matthews, Lieut. Boyd, Prison Guard Knight, and James Larkin, of Charleston, president of the board of control. Brown ascended the scaffold unassisted and stood motionless while the straps about his feet were being adjusted.

The condemned man uttered not a word, his lips being sealed together, and, with one hand on the negro, Captain Dawson with the other hand touched the electric button which sent the negro to eternity.

The prisoner fell a distance of seven feet and was pronounced dead by the prison physician, Dr. Peck, six minutes after the trap was sprung.

THE CRIME.

Brown made a full confession of the crime in the death cell this morning to Captain Dawson and seemed content with the justice accorded him.

Here is a brief story of the crime for which Brown was executed: Committed last April at Welch, McDowell county, the victim being Robert Shannon, an eighteen year old white boy.

Brown accosted Shannon in a lonely out of the way place and deliberately sent a bullet through the boy's brain when the latter refused to give up his money.

Brown then pilfered the pockets of his victim and secured \$15, and made to a saloon, where he was later arrested.

He was sentenced to be hanged by Governor Glasscock, on the 18th of June, being found guilty of murder in the first degree, but was later granted a stay until the 27th of this month.

Isaac Yates, found guilty of criminally assaulting his daughter, will be hanged on the 9th of December.

When Captain Dawson touched the electric button that sent the condemned Brown to his doom, it was the twelfth man that has been hanged since he was connected with the penitentiary.

SAD DEATH.

Mrs. M. J. Hayman died at her home at Letart, W. Va., Sunday, August 29, 1909, at 2 o'clock a. m., and was buried at Letart, O., yesterday. Mrs. Hayman was a good woman in all the words imply, and the world is much better through the influence of her christian, charitable life. She was the mother of four children, one son and five daughters, viz: Mr. W. E. Hayman, and Mrs. Ada Varian, of this city, Mrs. Anna Alexander, Miss Margaret Hayman, and Mrs. Flora Martin, the latter having preceded her to the Great Beyond some four years ago. Mrs. Hayman was in her 81st year. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Uhrig, the Jeweler, has gone into bankruptcy and the jewelry store in this city is the hands of the Referee. We hope that everything may be satisfactorily adjusted.

PROCLAMATION

FOR LABOR DAY ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GLASSCOCK ASKS FOR AN OBSERVANCE OF THE DAY.

In a Labor Day proclamation issued, Gov. Glasscock asks for an observance of that day in honor of the men who toil, stating the citizenry is interested in the maintenance of the cordial relations between employer and employee. The proclamation is as follows:

A Proclamation by the Governor: The law-making body of West Virginia has wisely set apart as a legal holiday the first Monday in September of each year and designated the same as Labor Day, therefore,

I, William E. Glasscock, Governor of said state, do hereby proclaim that MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1909, is Labor Day and a legal holiday in West Virginia, and I earnestly recommend that on that day all places of business in this state be closed and that the day be observed by all our citizens in such a way as will do proper honor to those who toil in our mines, factories, mills, workshops and other places. Let us not forget that the laboring man has contributed his full share to our achievements in the past and that much depends on him as to our future growth and greatness. The employer and employee have a common interest, each is dependent on the other, and the better the one understands the other the better it is for both, and the citizenship of this state is interested in having the most friendly and cordial relation exist between the two.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol in the city of Charleston, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and nine, and in the forty-seventh year of the State.

By the Governor,
WM. E. GLASSCOCK,
STUART F. REED,
Secretary of State.

B. & O. CONNECTION

OF O. R. R. DIVISION WITH THE C. H. & D. IS PLANNED.

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 31.—Application for a franchise to construct a bridge across the Ohio river at this point was filed here today by attorneys for the Huntington and Northern railway.

This road, it is said, is to be financed by the Baltimore & Ohio and a branch will be extended up Symms Creek, in Lawrence county, O., connecting with the C. H. & D. railroad and giving an outlet to the lakes for the vast mineral output of West Virginia.

Surveys of the proposed line have already been completed.

BURIAL OF MRS. W. H. TOMLINSON.

The remains of Mrs. W. H. Tomlinson, who died at Wellston, Ohio, August 23, 1909, were brought to this city on August 25, and interred in Lone Oak cemetery, a large concourse of friends and relatives following her remains to her last resting place by the side of her deceased husband. Her remains were accompanied here from Wellston by Dr. W. S. Hoy and wife and son Carl, her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Clark and daughter, Miss Mina M. Clark and Frankie Tomlinson. Mrs. Tomlinson's maiden name was Ellen Barnett, and has many relatives in this county who will keep her memory green, and we, with hosts of others, extend our sympathy to the family.

MARRIED

At the home of Mrs. John Bracy, Friday evening, Mr. Frank Johns and Miss Lottie Barrett, both of Newark, Ohio. The happy couple left on the B. & O. for Huntington to visit her uncle, Mr. John Wamsley, and family.

FLOOD CLAIMS 1,200

WHOLE FAMILIES WERE SWEEPED AWAY DURING THE NIGHT TO THEIR DEATH BY WATERS.

Laredo, Tex., Aug. 29.—Direct communication with Monterey was reestablished by the Associated Press at 10:30 to-night.

The operator at that point states that the number of dead will reach 1,200, and the night was one of death, desolation and darkness.

The flood waters of the Santa Catarina river continued on their rapid course throughout the night and to add to the horror of the situation rain commenced to fall and caused untold suffering to the thousands of homeless persons, who had congregated to the various plazas.

The destructive flood, due to the continued fall of rain for the past 96 hours, swept everything before it and hardly a vestige is left of what was a few days ago a conglomeration of small huts swarming with families belonging to the poorer classes.

The flood reached its crest between 1 and 3 o'clock Saturday morning. Many families were swept to death with hardly a chance for their lives. With the onrush of the waters, pandemonium reigned and as the victims were swept from their homes on the tops of which many had sought shelter, never anticipating that the water would reach an unprecedented height, pitiful appeals for assistance could be heard by those on higher ground, but aid of any kind was impossible.

Last night every effort was made to shelter the homeless. The police station, many hotels, clubs and organizations were placed at the disposal of the authorities. Though most of the women and children were thus cared for, men were compelled to sleep in the open.

Already many bodies have been recovered. A semi-reliable authority says that 400 bodies had been recovered up to noon today. No attempt had been made to bury them. Pitiful scenes are reported among the women and children. Many women have been separated from their husbands, mothers from their children, without knowledge of their whereabouts.

It is understood that an appeal for aid has gone out from the city of Monterey. According to this information, the consul has made this appeal in the name of the American colony of Monterey.

Monterey is one of the most progressive cities in the republic.

Fully 15,000 people are homeless and are being cared for by the city government in the best way possible.

At noon today 5,000 people were given bread, coffee and soup at the municipal offices, but there are many more on the south side of the river still at flood stage. Conservative estimates of the property loss place the figures at \$20,000,000.

All through the day and up to late tonight bodies have been taken from the debris and ruins in the path of the flood. More than 500 have been rescued from the flood.

The greatest loss of life occurred Saturday morning between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock when the large buildings on the south side of the river commenced to crumble and fall.

Many of the houses had from 100 to 200 people on their roofs and all disappeared in the flood. In school building on the south side of the river 90 women and children were drowned when the walls of the building collapsed.

BIRTHDAY.

Today, September 1, is the birthday anniversary of Mrs. C. A. Smith, mother of Mr. C. B. Smith, of this city. She is 82 years old and prides herself on being hale and hearty and able to work. May she live to enjoy many more milestones on life's journey.