

RAILROAD COMMISSION BILL IS KNOCKED OUT

SEASON OPENS HERE MAY 1

In Baseball With Beaver Falls Team—Several Players Have Been Signed.

The Clarksburg team of the Western Pennsylvania League recently formed will open the season here Wednesday, May 1, with Beaver Falls.

Several players have already been signed by the management of the home team, among whom are some of the best to be had, and the team promises to be the leading one in the league.

Among the men signed is Guy L. Green, outfielder with the Mt. Vernon, Ind., team last season.

A. H. McCracken, of Brookville, Pa., recommended by Emmett Heldrick of the St. Louis Browns, has also been engaged.

Others signed are J. K. Ford, of Nashville, Howard Smith, of Steubenville, Ohio, Roy Keener, of South Bend, Ind., and P. W. Slater, of Toledo.

George McLane, with the home team last year, will be with it again this year.

Tom Hullings, who was with the Zanesville team in the Ohio and Pennsylvania league last year, has been signed, too.

Roy George, with the Cumberland team last year is also among those who have signed contracts with the home management.

Joe Sacker of the Wheeling city team also comes here for the approaching season.

Earl Wood, second baseman, will be with the home team, too.

Frank Haller, with Somerset, Pa., last year will also give his services to the Clarksburg team.

Negotiations are on with fifteen or twenty more players, and there is every prospect that the home team will be comprised of the best players outside the major teams.

CROSSINGS ARE NOT TO BE BLOCKED

By Trains, Engines or Cars, if Bill Passes in the Legislature of This State.

(Special.) CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 16.—The following railroad bill has been introduced in the house: "Be it enacted by the legislature of West Virginia:

"That it shall be unlawful for any railroad company owning or operating a railroad in this state or which may hereafter own or operate any railroad in this state to allow any engine, car or train of cars to stand on any public road crossing or street crossing for a longer period than fifteen minutes. Any company violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 for each offense. Justices of the Peace shall have jurisdiction to try and determine all cases under this act."

THE NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT

At Close of Business Today, Reported by Local Stock Exchange.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Reserve Inc., Less U. S. Ins., Loans Dec., Specie Dec., Legal Dec., Deposits Dec., Circulation Dec.

There Will be no Railroad Commission in West Virginia, But Ought to Be.

CAMPBELL'S BILL IS DEAD Time is Devoted to Amending the Mining Laws and Bailey Gas Bill is Reported.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 16.—Campbell's railroad bill died an ignominious death in the senate this morning. He got it out of the mines and mining committee and started it through a second time.

The wink went around and it got to a second reading, when White, of Mingo, moved to strike out the enacting clause which was done and the dog is dead.

The Parkersburg and Logan charters passed. The house bill allowing a bridge to be constructed at Morgantown over the Monongahela river passed the house.

Much time is being taken up in amending the mining laws this afternoon.

Bailey's bill denying the right of eminent domain to gas companies shipping gas out of the state was reported on favorably by the judiciary committee.

COLORED CAVALRY IS NOW FILLED

For The Ninth and Tenth But Still Opportunity in Two Other Regiments.

Sergeant W. W. Sibert in charge of the local recruiting station in the Irwin building, informs the Telegram that he has received orders from the War Department to stop enlisting for the Ninth and Tenth colored cavalry, as these regiments have been filled since enlistments for colored men was ordered only a few weeks ago, but he can enlist colored men for the 25th and 26th infantry regiments which are being filled in preparation for Philippine service.

The Sergeant states that this opportunity can not last long as there are so many colored men in the Southern section of country who have been waiting for this chance to ship in Uncle Sam's reg'lers that orders are expected every day stopping enlistments of colored men altogether as the two remaining colored regiments will soon be filled to their quota, and when this happens the chance for colored men to enlist will be shut off for at least three years.

There is also a chance for white men to enlist for Philippine service if they so desire, as regiments designated for such service are being filled with three year men entirely, and men wishing foreign service can obtain same from recruiting stations.

This gives an excellent chance for ambitious Americans to see the other side of the world free of charge and also obtain a military education such as no school offers, and which is likely to come in very good in case this country should ever need its young men to protect its posterity, and any way an enlistment in Uncle Sam's army will do no man harm but will teach him lessons never to be forgotten, or never to never to be learned other places.

FASHIONABLE

Is to be a New Dress Baking Establishment. Mrs. Marie J. Wood will arrive here from Chicago Saturday evening Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Jesse Gardner will open a fashionable dressmaking establishment in the rooms over Robinson's jewelry store, No. 320 Main street. Watch the columns of this paper for announcement.

RETURNS FROM ROUND TABLE. Supt. S. L. Burdette, J. Walter Duncan, C. Guy Musser, Aubrey Martin and Misses Ida M. Higley, Anna Dunn, Catherine Shinn, Allie Ash, Verna Bartlett, Maudie Bassell and Effie Brown, of the city schools, and Miss Alice Corpening of the Northview schools, returned from Mannington today, where they have been attending the Monongahela Valley Round Table.

RALLY DAY MEETINGS

Will be Held Tomorrow at the Revival Service at the Goff Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Methodist of the city are making large plans for a great day in connection with their revival services on Sunday. There will be meetings enough for all and of such a diversified character as to suit all and help all.

Yesterday was a good one for the meetings. A good afternoon meeting was held and a large audience heard the message with gladness. Five came to the after prayer and one professed conversion.

Tonight there will be a general testimony meeting followed by the usual altar service. All are invited to come at 7:30 o'clock.

In the morning the first service will be the class meeting at 9 o'clock—Bros. J. U. Thorn and M. S. Riley, leaders. This will be followed by the Sunday school at 9:45, Harvey W. Harmer, superintendent. The public worship and sermon will be held at 10:45, when the pastor will preach on "The Great Temptation," st. Luke 4:13. (A Lenten Meditation.)

At 3 o'clock "A men's Rally Day Revival Meeting" will be held. Three leading laymen, viz: Hon. H. W. Harmer, Dr. E. N. Flowers and Judge Charles W. Lynch, will give three reasons each "Why You Ought to be a Christian." Lynch Brothers quartette will furnish special music for this meeting.

Following this meeting at 4 o'clock there will be a woman's and young people's meeting in the lecture room.

The Epworth League devotional service will be held at 6:30. The subject being "Studies in Christian Experiences." Charles W. Lynch, leader. The League quartette, Misses Leona Creighton, Beulah Starcher and Messrs. George W. Lynch, Pale Rapp, will sing. This busy day will close much the evening revival services at 7:30 o'clock. The subject of the sermon will be "The Complete Surrender," Acts 9:6 followed by the usual after service. All are invited to all these services.

BIG PAY DAY AT THE TIN MILLS

Over Seventeen Thousand Dollars Paid Out to Men for Two Weeks' Work.

Saturday was regular pay day at the tinplate mills. It was the largest pay yet made there, being over \$17,000 for two weeks' work. The mills are very busy and the number of employes is constantly increasing. The outlook for the spring and summer is all that can be desired and the mills promise to keep running busily all the time.

BLAZE AT THURMOND DESTROYS BUILDINGS

Mercantile, Saloon and Other Buildings are Consumed by Fire At Big Loss.

(By Associated Press.) CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 16.—Fire at Thurmond this morning destroyed a large establishment belonging to the Weaver Mercantile Company, the saloon of B. M. Huddleston, and buildings owned by McKells; coal operators. The loss is \$25,000.

BASKET BALL TONIGHT. A game of basket ball will be played by the Wizard Athletic Club and the Clarksburg high school team to night in armory hall.

STATE BOTTLERS ARE COMING HERE

Soft Drink Manufacturers Prepare For Annual Convention in This City Next Week.

Preparatory arrangements for the third annual meeting of the West Virginia Bottlers' Association which will be held in this city on February 22 are being made.

The session of the association will be held in the I. O. O. F. reception hall in the Odd Fellows' building on Main street. An interesting program will be carried out in which the bottlers from all parts of the state will take part.

The association is composed of the soft drink bottlers of West Virginia and was organized in Bellington two years ago. The meeting last year was held in Grafton. Although young the organization is in a most promising and growing condition and is doing much good in its objects.

C. M. Gaylord, president of the Clarksburg Bottling Works, is the president of the association. C. E. Cain, of Parkersburg, is the secretary.

VICTIM OF SHOT HAS MAN JAILED

Italian Alleged to Be Fugitive From Jefferson County, Ohio, is Imprisoned Here.

John Lipas, an Italian coal miner, who has been lately employed at the Perry coal mines, is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting the action of the Jefferson county, Ohio, officers, by whom it is alleged by another Italian that Lipas is wanted for shooting the complainant there in October 1904.

Lipas was arrested at Perry Mines Friday night by Constable Waldo and taken before Magistrate Gordon who committed the man to jail and sent a message to the Sheriff of Jefferson county, Ohio, that the man had been arrested. The arrest was the result of complaint made by Frank Petroczi, another Italian, who says that Lipas shot him in the leg in Jefferson county, Ohio, more than two years ago. The wound caused him to lose one of his legs.

AGED MAN DIES

G. B. Richards of Perry Mine, Falls Into Last Earthly Slumber.

Death came to G. B. Richards, an aged resident of Perry Mines Saturday morning after a lingering illness with a complication of diseases. Mr. Richards was 78 years old and is survived by a family.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Services will be held at the late home and burial will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

L. Hoge and Jesse Sackett returned last night from Conneville, where they attended a meeting of the Western Pennsylvania baseball league.

STEAMER'S ENGINE EXPLODES AT SEA

Seven Persons are Killed, Three Injured and Much Damage Done to Vessel.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, N. Y., February 16.—Seven persons, six men and one woman were killed and three injured and considerable damage sustained by the German steamer Valdivia by the explosion of a boiler donkey engine at sea last Wednesday. The accident was reported when the steamer arrived here today. The explosion threw the steamer's funnel over and ripped open the upper deck. The seven were killed instantly. Escaping steam enveloped the steamer creating a scene of great confusion. The dead woman was the stewardess on the steamer. The others killed were members of the crew. The Valdivia is a passenger freight steamer plying to Hayti and other ports in the West Indies.

COUNCIL TALKS MANY MATTERS

City Sages Devote Much Time to Two Open Sewers, Before Voting on Question.

McREYNOLDS DECIDES THE Application to Move Buildings Cause Heated Argument as to Regularity by Council.

The city council was presided over Friday night by Councilman J. D. McReynolds, Acting Mayor W. H. Cole calling him to the chair in the absence of the mayor.

The members present were Councilmen McAndrews, Connell, Smith, Wood, Anderson, Ernst, Halterman and Hess. Clerk Cole kept the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There were no reports from the regular committees except the finance committee which recommended the payment of the street and water works pay roll as follows: Street pay roll, \$22.50; Water works pay roll, \$185.45.

Councilman Halterman of the street committee talked at length about a sewer in the West End, stating to the council that the health officer approved of it and saying that some of the citizens had paid so much for putting it in, and it finally developed that the subject under discussion was Mrs. J. W. Thorn's bill for \$30. Mr. McReynolds as chairman of the street committee did not doubt the matter of the work's being done, but thought it was twice what it is worth, according to a proposition made last spring, or at least an understanding of some kind, as the city then proposed to pay but half, and upon a suggestion of a member of the council, the committee was authorized to continue the investigation. But, before this was done Councilman Anderson made an inquiry as to the size of the sewer. He was informed that it was a 12 inch one. This ended this part of the meeting.

Then came the open sewer on Water street. It had been duly referred to the proper committee at a previous session of council and the report was regular that the improvement be made. Councilman McAndrew moved an amendment in no way germane that the sewer in the rear of the Waldo also be extended. This provoked a long discussion. Mr. Halterman thought it was out of order the presiding officer did not say so. But Dr. Halterman stated he had no objection to its being repaired but thought it ought to go to the committee and come before the council in the regular way, which is perfectly proper, and certainly correct.

Mr. McAndrew did not see it that way, nor did some others, but the council finally decided by a vote of five to four that it must come before council in the regular way, the presiding officer deciding the matter upon a tie, with the remark: "We will repair one sewer at a time." It was then ordered that the Water street sewer be extended into the creek to pollute the waters below.

Mr. Halterman then moved that the sewer in the rear of the Waldo be referred to the street committee, though there is not a street the end of it touches and ought properly to go to the sanitation committee. He asked that the street committee investigate the sewer and report at the next meeting. This carried after some debate on the subject by McAndrew, he being given the floor by the presiding officer who remarked: "The night is long." McAndrew and Connell voted against the motion.

The liveliest discussion of all, however, was on the application of E. W. Williams, C. W. Lynch and J. I. Alexander for permission to remove the Mulheran hotel and Ernest buildings from their present site to the Walker house property and to destroy two shade trees on Second street in the operation. The point was raised by Mr. Wood that the application should go to the building committee as all other such applications do. He cited the fire limit ordinance. Mr. Halterman said that ordinance was not definitely settled and dwelt upon what it meant for the Methodist church, though he did

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TRAINMEN BILL PASSES HOUSE

Regulates the Number of the Crew On Trains of Different Length.

(Special.) CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 15.—Mr. Gallaher's "railway crew" bill has passed the house. Its main provisions are:

Sec. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any railroad company operating a standard gauge road in the State of West Virginia, which runs over its road or any part thereof, more than four regular passenger trains in twenty four hours, to operate over such road, or any part thereof, outside the yard limits, any passenger train carrying passengers, consisting of from one to five cars with a less crew than one engineer, one fireman, one conductor, and one brakeman; and for a train of more than five cars, one engineer, one fireman, one conductor and two brakemen, shall be required. In no case above mentioned shall a brakeman while in the discharge of his duties as such be permitted to perform the duties of a baggage master or express agent while on the road.

Sec. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any railway company operating a standard gauge road in the State of West Virginia, which runs over its roads more than six freight trains in every twenty-four hours, to operate over such road or any part thereof, out side the yard limits, any freight train with less than the following crew: One engineer, one fireman, one conductor and two brakemen; and any engineer running without cars on such road shall have not less than the following crew: One conductor, one fireman, one engineer, when such engine is running a distance of more than twenty miles from the starting point.

A MESSAGE FROM ACROSS THE SEA

That is of Great Interest Will be Told of by The Children of the Lutheran Church

The service, "A Message From Across the Sea," which will be rendered by the children of the Lutheran church tomorrow evening promises to be of great interest. It is the story of the church's work the past year in the fields of India and Africa. No greater success has ever attended the missionary endeavors of the Lutheran church than the past year has recorded. In India alone with her limited force of workers (31) the church has received during the past year 5,119 new members. Other departments of the work has also met with unparalleled success.

One of the features of the service will be the reading of cablegraphic messages from the missionaries in India and Africa which are of great concern to the whole Christian church in America.

CARRIED FROM FIRE ONLY TO EXPIRE

Aged Woman Ill in Bed Dies From Exposure When Taken From Fired Building.

(By Associated Press.) ALEXANDRIA, Va., Feb. 16.—Six firemen were overcome by smoke today and two badly injured in a fire which destroyed Wedderburn Row. The loss is ten thousand dollars. Mrs. Sarah E. Skillman, an aged woman ill in bed, died shortly after being removed from the building, as the result of excitement and exposure.