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BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 18.

FOUR DOLLARS A YEAR.

Work Commenced On New Business Place

Modern Business Place To Be Erected On Princeton Avenue by Samuel Turk.

Work on the excavation for the foundation of a new and modern business place was commenced yesterday on Princeton Avenue on the lot adjoining the one on which a business place is to be erected by Thornton's Clothing Company.

Mr. Samuel Turk, proprietor of the Bland street Department store, recognizing the fact that the present place occupied by him as a department store is too small for his increased trade, has had commenced the erection of a three-story brick building, which is to contain all the that the contract called for the same.

He will occupy the basement and first floor as a department store and the second floor will be devoted entirely to the millinery branch of his business. The building is to be 25x100 feet and will be heated with steam and lighted with electricity. On the first floor there will be a 75-foot balcony. The building will be entirely fire-proof and the front will be of pressed brick, giving it a handsome appearance. The work will be under the charge of H. H. Clifford, the well known contractor.

When seen by a representative of the Leader last night Mr. Turk said that the contract called for the completion of the building by the 1st of September and that he hoped to be able to move into it a few days later as his increased business demanded a larger place. The building is to cost \$10,000, and will add materially to the appearance of that part of the city.

Mr. Turk has been a resident of the city for 14 years and during that time has acquired some valuable property here and is identified with several of the local business enterprises of the city.

CONSTABULARY WAS SURPRISED

Ladrones Enter Town and Steal Rifles and Kill Three Men.

Manila, April 17.—One of the boldest exploits in American experience of "ladronism" in the Philippines was carried out in Malolos, the capital of the province of Bulacan, in the island of Luzon, only twenty miles from Manila, yesterday. Forty ladrones raided the headquarters of the Philippine constabulary, in the center of the city, captured twenty rifles and escaped after killing three men and losing one of their own number.

Base Ball Boys Meet And Perfect Their Organization

Bluefield Assured a Good Base Ball Team.

That the city of Bluefield is to have a good base ball team this year goes without saying, if one is to judge of the manager and assistants elected by the boys at a meeting held at the office of Dr. A. K. Thompson last evening.

At this meeting there were present all the members of the club as was reported exclusively through the columns of the Daily Leader last Thursday morning. D. E. C. Jones, well known to the citizens of Bluefield as a base ball enthusiast of extensive experience, was elected as manager for the season. J. B. Shumate, assistant manager and J. D. Fouts, Captain.

For colors the club has selected "red" and the "fans" will be governed accordingly. It is an honor that the base ball team is to "hot stuff".

There is no reason whatever why Bluefield should not have an excellent team and the boys will commence practice at once on the ground at Graham.

Robert Williams, Spiller Hicks and Anderson, Gibber on and Bishop, will do the catching.

It will be remembered by our readers and those who are interested in base ball that Mr. Shumate was the organizer of the Coalfield League, and has done much toward establishing the national sport in this section of the state. It is up to the people of Bluefield to assist the team in all ways that they can, more especially financially.

POCAHONTAS NEWS

Newspaper Notes From the City Where The Black Diamonds Abound. Daily Leader News Bureau. Black Diamond Book Co.

Pocahontas, Va., April 17.—Mrs. Sol. Basch returned Saturday evening from an extended trip to Richmond, Baltimore and New York.

Mr. C. W. Young of Welch, spent Sunday in the city.

Col. James S. Browning returned from Richmond Sunday morning, where he has been with his brother, Mont, whom he left at the hospital for treatment.

Dr. Geo. H. Zimmerman returned Saturday evening from Staunton, Va., where he had been for several days on business.

E. E. Saunders, of the Pocahontas Colliery Co. spent Easter in Bluefield with friends.

Mr. Nathan Marks returned from New York Sunday morning where he had been spending the holiday with his parents.

Mr. Julian Cox, of Mayberry W. Va., spent Sunday in Pocahontas with his sister, Mrs. T. S. Crockett.

Mrs. B. S. Black and daughter, of Bluefield, spent Easter in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kwass.

Mrs. F. P. Landon and son Geo. of Keystone, spent Easter with friends in town.

The First National bank of Pocahontas, moved into their new home on Monday. The new building is up to date in every respect and is a credit to the town.

E. F. Via and J. B. Harris, of North Fork, spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Mae Jones has gone to Newman to nurse Mr. Taylor, of the powder plant, who is quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeek of Worth, W. Va., spent Sunday with Mrs. Sol. Basch on Water Street.

EAGLES HAVE A GOOD TIME

Met Last Night and Transacted Business and Afterwards Lunched.

Bluefield Aerie of Eagles held a business meeting at their lodge room last evening at which time important business was transacted. They afterwards indulged in lunch furnished by the Windsor Hotel cafe. The Aerie at this place is growing in membership and seems to be in a very prosperous condition.

FUNKHOUSER MAY LOSE THE JOB

Reports Sent Out From Washington To That Effect.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—It seems hard for Roanoke, Va., to get a new postmaster. Funkhouser, whose name was sent to the Senate last week, after the withdrawal of the name of G. L. Hart against whom charges were preferred, is objected to.

Senator Martin has received numerous letters and telegrams from Roanoke people, asking that this nomination be held up until charges could be filed.

The Senator has had action on the nomination deferred.

Old papers for sale at this office. They are nice and clean, only 10c. per one hundred.

A GIGANTIC DEAL WAS CONSUMMATED

TRAINS DELAYED BY BLASTING

One Hundred Kegs of Powder Used in Blasting Mountain Side.

Trains No. 8 and 16 on the Norfolk & Western were delayed several hours last night on account of the tracks being covered with rocks and earth near Wilmore.

The Norfolk & Western is engaged in bettering their tracks in that vicinity and last evening a blast was put off in the mountain side, a charge of 100 pounds of powder being used, which covered the tracks with so much debris that passenger and freight traffic was completely blocked for several hours.

Fishes have no eyelids and necessarily sleep with their eyes open; they swallow their food whole, having no dental machinery. Frogs, toads and serpents never take food except which they are certain is alive. Serpents are so tenacious of life that they will live for six months or longer without food.

MURDERED BY A NEGRO MAN

All Huntington Astir Over Deed Committed By a Negro.

Huntington, W. Va., April 17.—Mrs. Martha J. Bass, a white woman, well connected, was shot and killed here yesterday by Charles Morrow, a negro hotel porter. The motive for the deed is unknown. Intense excitement prevailed for a time, and there was threats of lynching.

Mrs. Bass, who was thirty years of age, was a native of Meigs county, Ohio, and was prominently related. She expired thirty-five minutes after the shooting.

WILL MAKE A FLAT REFUSAL

Coal Operators Meet and Full Report Will Not Be Made Public For A Few Days.

New York, April 17.—The anthracite coal operators meet this afternoon to draft a formal reply to Mitchell's proposal for arbitration. The reply will contain a flat refusal of Mr. Mitchell's proposal. The reply will not be made public before the latter part of the week.

Was Seriously Injured By Fall Of Slate

DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION

A Large Representation of Delegates In Attendance.

Washington, April 17.—The fifteenth Continental Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution assembled here today. For the second time the proceedings were conducted in Continental hall, a building erected by the Daughters. An unusually large representation of delegates was in attendance when the president-general, Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York, called the Congress to order. Mrs. McLean received an ovation. The convention opened with prayer.

Thread made from the spider's web is lighter and stronger than that which comes from the silkworm. In France there is a factory used only for the manufacture of spider thread.

PROMINENT CITIZEN TAKES OWN LIFE

Had Been In Bad Health For Some Time and Became Despondent.

Luray, Va., April 17.—Mr. George N. Rosser, for the last 25 years a citizen of Luray, shot and killed himself at his home in this place last evening about 4 o'clock. Mr. Rosser was up stairs lying on the bed when he fired the fatal shot with a effect in the top of the head causing instant death.

Mr. Rosser had been in bad health for about five years, was about fifty years of age and leaves several children, his wife having died a year ago.

WANT TO KEEP BOTH

No Regular Army Officer at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Washington, April 17.—Hon. John Thompson Brown, of Bedford City, chairman of the board of visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has been here for a day or two on business connected with the institution. There is a possibility that the school may lose the use of the arms which are now furnished by the War Department. The regulation under which military tactics are taught provides that an officer be detailed by the department to act as commander of cadets. Lieutenant D. C. Shanks, who was the commandant at Blacksburg at the outbreak of the war with Spain, was sent to the front with his regiment and since that time there has been no army officer at the school. Colonel Johnson, a graduate of the Polytechnic, has been acting as commandant, to the complete satisfaction of the superintendent and the board of visitors. The government has allowed him the privileges of the artillery school at Fort Monroe and of the military school at Fort Myer, in addition to granting him certain privileges at West Point. He is an especially capable officer, and the board does not want to give him up. Senator Martin and Representative Glass went with Judge Brown to see Secretary Taft to second the efforts which are being made to keep the arms and also Col. Johnson.

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POLICEMEN HAVING A GOOD TIME

Not Enough Doing to Keep Them Busy Except Watching.

There has been almost nothing doing in police circles since yesterday and the police are complaining on not having enough to do. As we go to press there are only three who will have to answer for unlawful deeds. Carl Warren will appear for being in an intoxicated condition.

Tell Campbell has been violating the rules of the Norfolk & Western and will get the usual fine.

S. W. Akers was apprehended for dumping garbage on private property and chances are that he will have to remove it.

BROKEN BOW REALLY BROKEN

Company Went to Pieces and Lost Dog in Lynchburg Mud.

Lynchburg, April 17.—Ben of Broken Bow" is broke. Men of the company declare that they have two weeks' salary coming to them, and that from present appearances it will be a long time coming.

But they got their money's worth in a way, for they saw one of the most beautiful fights that was ever pulled off on any stage. It happened in this way: David Miles, who had the leading part, asked for his salary. Manager John Wall didn't respond as Miles thought he should, so he asked him again. Again there was no response whereupon Miles hit Wall real hard. It was on the stage in Lynchburg, and the two men mixed it up for fifteen straight minutes, nobody interfering, although the entire company was present.

And the company had other troubles in Lynchburg. One of the east, a valuable bull terrier, took to the woods. He was the only one who had not been bothered by the salary question. The entire party, men and women, turned out to search for him and got stuck in a swamp. When they came back to the theatre they had enough Virginia mud on their shoes to establish a market garden. And they didn't find the dog.

ABDUL HAMID ON HIS DIGNITY. A number of distinguished persons and tourists who have been presented to the sultan of Turkey by the ambassadors of their respective countries were refused permission to witness the Selamlik ceremony Saturday on the ground that lists containing the names of persons who desired to attend were not submitted for the sultan's approval at the usual time. Later Abdul Hamid sent his regrets to the ambassadors. His majesty rejected the usual prayer at the Selamlik, but accorded no audiences, although the Spanish and Romanian ministers were present at the ceremony.

M. Fallieres, the new French president, gets up between 7 and 8, does his hardest work directly after his morning walk. He never smokes and he reads a great deal. In his own words: "I devour all manner of books—historical, philosophical and literary. Tolstol and Vigny are my lover of handsome books. My morning walk often takes me to the old book dealer's stalls on the way. Book hunting is, indeed, one of my hobbies. My hobby is playing billiards."

Demand Shorter Hours, Higher Pay And Recognition of the Union.

A strike of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has been declared and will affect all electrical telephone and telegraph companies and will cause a complete tie-up of the various telephone lines in several of the states. It affects Virginia, West Virginia and Florida, which is in the jurisdiction of the International.

Richmond, Va., April 17.—The Southern Bell telephone linemen at Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Hampton and Lynchburg are on a strike. There is no trouble in the balance of the state. Other linemen were employed and there is no embarrassment.

Mobile, Ala., April 17.—One hundred linemen and cable splicers of the Bell Telephone Company are out on strike in Mobile. This partially ties up the construction work of the company, which is putting in an underground system.

Norfolk, Va., April 17.—The strikes among the linemen, inside workmen and cable splicers of the Southern Bell Telephone Company and the Georgia Telephone Company are on a strike. Birmingham, Ala., April 17.—Fourteen hundred linemen of the Southern Bell Telephone Company have struck demanding an increase of wages and recognition of the union.

Falling Slate Almost Crushes Life Out of Miner Near Bramwell.

Special to the Daily Leader. Bramwell, W. Va.,—April 17.—Charles Nowlan, a minor employed in the T. D. Lee Mines near here was seriously injured by the falling of a piece of slate this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

He was employed in underbreasting in a room and the slate overhead had not been properly propped. A piece 8 feet long and 4 feet thick gave way and fell on him crushing him in a horrible manner. His son was standing near him when the accident occurred and immediately notified some fellow workmen who extricated him from his position. It is reported that his injuries are serious and but slight hopes are entertained for his recovery. Mr. Nowlan is aged 40 years and has a wife and six children.

WILL GET A HEARING TODAY

Mrs. Mary Barger, Who Stands Accused of Murder of Her Mother Will Get Hearing Today.

In all probability Mrs. Mary W. Barger, who stands accused of giving her mother an overdose of morphine or other poisonous drugs, will be given a hearing today. She has employed Attorney J. R. Dillard to defend her and the state will be represented by the prosecuting attorney at the preliminary hearing before Squire Chambers.

There were no new developments to speak of yesterday and the authorities are awaiting further developments in the case.

Mrs. Barger takes her detention in a very jolly mood and does not seem worried in the least about it.

VIRGINIA FARMERS WILL HOLD MEETING

April 10th is the Date Set for the Meeting at Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Va., April 17.—The Virginia State Union of the American Society of Equity will meet at Lynchburg, Va., on April 20th, at 11:30, and continue in session the 21st at Hill City Hall.

Mr. J. A. Everett, president, A. S. E., of Indianapolis, Ind.; Hon. Carter Glass, of Lynchburg; Prof. Andrew M. Soule, of Blacksburg, Ex-Governor J. Hoge Tyler, of Radford, and other prominent men will address the meeting.

WARDEN ELECTED TOWN SERGENT

Well Known, Graham Citizen Elected Town Sergeant.

At a meeting of the town Council of Graham on Monday, Mr. J. M. Warden was elected town Sergeant of that city. Mr. Warden is well known in this city and his numerous friends here will be pleased to know that he has received this recognition in our sister town.

JUSTICE COURT VERY DULL

Not Much Business Being Done In The Justices' Court This Week.

There has been very little going on in the justices' court this week. In fact there has only been one case tried this week and that was Charles Allen against Charles Lawson for assault and battery. Allen claimed that Lawson threw a rock at him last November with intention of doing him bodily harm. The case came on for trial before Justice Chambers Monday and after hearing the evidence of one witness the case was dismissed the plaintiff paying the cost.

ALL IS QUIET AT WINDBER

Constabulary Arrived and Miners Completely Awed.

Windber, Pa., April 17.—Everything is quiet here today after the outbreak of Monday night. The state constabulary has arrived and taken charge and the miners are completely awed. The bloody termination of the disturbance was a terrible blow to the foreign element. No further trouble is at all likely though there is bitter feeling against the deputies.

NO LIGHT FROM MME. GORKY.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: "Mme Gorky is in the southern part of Russia and her version of the question of a divorce from her husband, the novelist, has not been obtained. Maxim Gorky's friendship with Mme Andreiva is of more recent date than was supposed. As late as 1903 the novelist, with his wife and two children, toured the Caucasus. The children are boys aged five and eight years."

GRAND OPENING.

Grand Opening Saturday, April 14, the Sale continues all Easter week. Free delicious Marsh Mallows, 4 to 5 p. m. Saturday. THE 5 AND 10 CENT STORE CO.