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An eminent scientist advises as a precaution against tuberculosis and several other germ diseases, that the mouth be kept closed. This suggestion should come into general practice, and if it fails to prevent tuberculosis it may incidentally prevent other troubles that are quite as bad.

Smith M. McCreight, Esq., the Reynoldsville attorney, is in town to-day looking after the interests of his clients and at the same time feeling the public pulse on political matters, as he is a prospective candidate for the Republican nomination for District Attorney next spring, and is anxious that his friends who are backing him as a winner shall not be disappointed.

T. M. Kurtz, chairman of the Republican county committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the county committee to be held in Brookville next Monday, January 8th, to arrange to hold the primary election in this county the third Tuesday of February to elect delegates to the State and National conventions and to nominate candidates for Congress, State Senate, and Assembly and District Attorney.

The time has come when the councilmen of this municipality should give street paving careful consideration. It is only a matter of a few months until the plank pavement on Main street will be torn up to put down the street railway and then we will have to put in new pavement of some kind or retrograde, and the latter we don't propose to do.

READY TO ISSUE BONDS.

Citizens of Reynoldsville will be Given an Opportunity to Invest.

We are pleased to be able to announce definite progress in the matter of our electric light plant. The company have secured the services of F. H. Golding, of Branford, Conn., who will take entire charge of the operation of the plant.

Mr. Ferrin informs us that the company are now ready to issue the bonds authorized by their charter and pursuant to his promise he offers the citizens of our town an opportunity to purchase a limited amount of them.

When Mr. Ferrin appeared before the council of the two boroughs and asked for a franchise for furnishing electric light, heat and power, and a contract for lighting the streets of the two towns with electricity, the chief objection made to granting him these franchises and contracts was, that it was unwise and unnecessary to give this matter over to a company of men living outside of Reynoldsville.

Notwithstanding this evident desire on the part of your town for local ownership, however, the franchise and contracts were given to Mr. Ferrin, and later were by him transferred to our Company. It has been the intention of the gentlemen who are back of this enterprise to invest their own money in the bonds of the Company when issued and they are now prepared to do so; but remembering the feeling of the people for home ownership, they have decided to offer a portion of the issue for sale locally.

The Reynolds Electric Company have a fifty year franchise for producing and selling electricity for light, heat and power in the boroughs of Reynoldsville and West Reynoldsville. They also have contracts with the two boroughs for lighting the public streets with arc lamps for the period of ten years at the rate of \$60.00 per year per lamp.

The Company has authority under its charter to issue bonds to an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 at such rate of interest as may be deemed best by the Directors. Acting under this authority, they have decided to issue 6 per cent 20 year bonds, the Company reserving the right to redeem any of the bonds January 1st, 1905, or any interest date thereafter.

As will be observed the Company has an assured income from the two boroughs of \$2,040.00 per year, payable quarterly, according to the terms of the contract. We will not find it necessary, probably, to issue more than \$17,000.00 of these bonds.

This course renders these bonds equal in security to bonds of the borough. Being based upon contracts with the two boroughs, they become practically and in effect borough bonds. No one would or could question the ability of the two boroughs to fulfill their obligations and to make their payments upon these contracts as agreed, consequently no one can question the security afforded by these bonds.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Glimpses of the People who are Passing To and Fro.

Miss Roberta Ayres spent Christmas in Pittsburg. Earl Hewitt, of Falls Creek, was in town Sunday. Miss Martha Grieks is visiting in Allegheny City.

Mrs. Margaret Gorsline is visiting in Philadelphia. Mrs. L. M. Simmons is visiting a sister at Clarion. George H. Jones, of Munderf, is in town this week.

David Young and wife visited at Glen Hazel last week. Wesley Motter and wife visited in Ridgway last week. Will Shick, of New Mayaville, visited in town over Sunday.

Sherman Henry visited his parents at Hamilton last week. Clarence Henry is visiting his parents at Hamilton this week. Dr. L. L. Means visited his parents at Frostburg last week. Burl Booth, of Wilkinsburg, spent the holidays in this place.

C. H. Prescott, of Cleveland, Ohio, was in town the past week. John D. Nolan visited in New Bethlehem several days last week. Martin Plyler moved from Shannondale to this place last week.

L. J. Arnold and wife, of East Brady, visited in this place last week. G. Ralph Adam, editor Brookwayville Record, was in town yesterday. John Goodwill has been visiting in Shamokin, Pa., the past two weeks.

John Hetzler, of near Lock Haven, spent the holidays at Jacob Booth's. W. A. Henry, of Hamilton, visited his brothers in this place last week. Misses Erma and Caroline Robinson are visiting in Kittanning this week.

Mrs. W. H. Karns, of Oakmont, visited Mrs. A. B. Weed the past week. Miss Nell Robinson returned yesterday from a week's visit in Brookville. Mrs. Richard Miller, of Penfield, was a visitor at A. G. Milliren's last week.

Mrs. C. Mitchell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Newell Meeker, at Homestead. Miss Maybell Sutter, of Pittsburg, visited her parents in this place last week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGinnis, of Johnsonburg, visited in this place last week.

Teachers' permanent certificates will meet in Reynoldsville on the first Friday in May.

John C. Hirst, who is now located at Flemington, West Va., spent several days with his family in this place the past week. F. H. Beck was called to Randolph, N. Y., last week by the illness of his mother.

Thomas McKernan, of Duquesne, returned to that place Monday after a ten-day visit with his parents in West Reynoldsville. C. K. Hawthorne and wife, of Ohl, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kohler, in West Reynoldsville last week.

Bert G. Woodward, principal of the Driftwood schools, visited his brother, Postmaster A. M. Woodward, in this place last week. D. J. Thomas and daughter, Miss Jennie, of Prescottville, visited with relatives at Sligo and East Brady during the holidays.

Ernest S. Stone, of Oakmont, and B. W. Stone, of Turtle Creek, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stone, in this place last week. Scott McClelland, of Brookville, proprietor of the large clothing store in this place, is in town to-day looking after his interests here.

Mrs. O. M. Haymaker and daughters, Susan and Miron, have been the guests of Mrs. Haymaker's sister, Mrs. S. B. Rumsey, the past ten days. F. H. Golding, of Bradford, Conn., an electrician who is to have charge of the electric light and trolley line plant at this place, was in town last week.

H. R. Farrell, of Elkins, West Va., assistant paymaster on the West Virginia Central railroad, spent the holidays with his parents in this place. August Boulanger, manager of the Star Glass plant, has rented a house on Jackson street and will move his family from Hazelhurst to this place this week.

D. S. Bowser and wife, of Walk Chalk, spent the holidays with their son and daughter, Dr. A. H. Bowser and Mrs. D. R. Cochran, in this place. Mrs. C. E. Coryell, of Vancouver, Washington State, who spent fourteen weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Milliren, in this place, left here Monday morning for her home on the Pacific slope.

Mrs. John Ahern, of Wellsville, N. Y., who spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph McKernan, in West Reynoldsville, returned home alone last week. Mrs. Ahern is 80 years old. This is the first time she has visited her daughter in 20 years.

J. Bernard McCracken, formerly a resident of Reynoldsville, now of Durham, North Carolina, returned to his southern home a week ago after about a three months' visit with friends and relatives in this place. Mr. McCracken owns considerable real estate in North Carolina.

1/3 OFF On All Holiday Goods at STOKE'S

During the month of January, or until the stock is all disposed of, we offer all TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS, DOLL CHINA WARE, BRIC-A-BRAC, &C., at one-third the regular price. Nothing reserved. We want the room and make this extraordinary offer to move the goods quickly.

Stoke's Pharmacy.

WHAT'S LEFT... Of Holiday Goods is now being sacrificed rapidly at 25 per cent off the market price. SILVERWARE, CHINAWARE, FANCY GOODS AND BASKETS largely included. Ladies' and Children's furs, coats and capes. Some go at just one-half last week's prices, while others have been reduced 25 and 35 per cent. Now is the time to buy a colarette, a coat or a cape cheap.

SHICK & WAGNER'S

To have your pocket-book swell out with cash saved, buy your groceries and flour at Robinson & Mundorff's.

THERE'S KEENEST PLEASURE

Prices always a little lower than elsewhere at Robinson & Mundorff's. Buy and sell for cash is the secret.

In cheese we stand right up at head of class in quality.

One pound more sugar for the dollar than others give.

What's in a name? It's a biscuit all the same. 5c. a box.

Put the testing screws to our 25c. coffee. You will find it is the "stuff" you want.

Our coffee 2 lbs. for 25c. is a winner. 15c. to 18c. elsewhere.

Grape nuts, the great food.

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