

ARNETTS TURNED OUT BY HUNDREDS

Ideal Weather Swelled Crowd That Assembled At Georgetown

The annual reunion of the Arnett family was held yesterday at the Georgetown grove and was attended upwards of 3,500 members of the clan. Ideal weather conditions helped to swell the crowd and the roads leading to the grove were thronged all day with automobiles, and a few horse drawn vehicles which came from all parts of Marion and Monongalia counties and other near by counties.

W. E. Arnett, of Morgantown, president of the association, called the meeting to order and introduced the speakers of the day, two splendid addresses having been given by Judge E. M. Showalter, of this city, and Judge L. G. Lavelle, of Morgantown. Other speakers of the day were Rev. Arnett, of Pannaboro, Dr. J. A. Cox, of Morgantown, and Sylvester Arnett, of Morgantown.

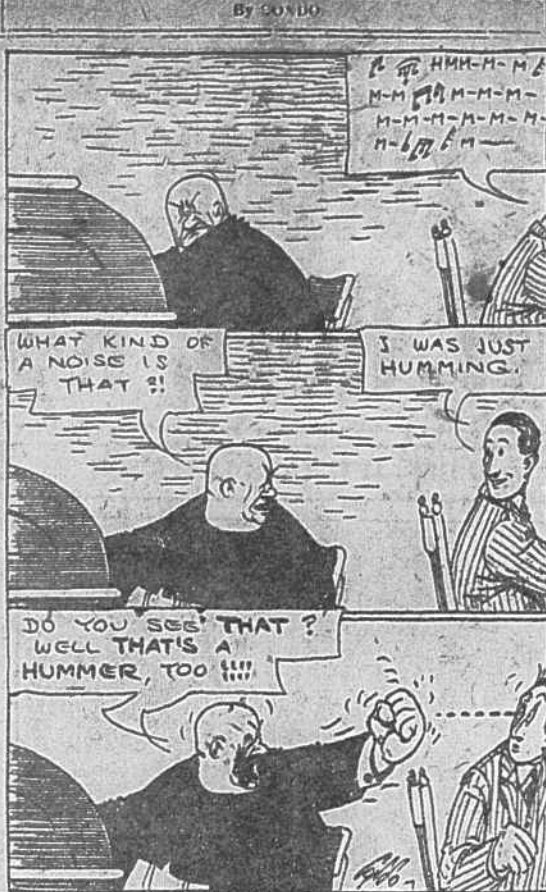
Excellent music was furnished by the clan with J. M. Gregg, of Monongalia county, directing the singing.

A sumptuous dinner and supper were served in the grove and several hours were delightfully spent in getting acquainted and renewing old acquaintances.

Officers were elected as follows: President, W. E. Arnett, Morgantown; Secretary, L. D. Arnett, Morgantown.

The executive committee was also re-elected. W. E. Arnett, street commissioner of this city, is a member of this committee.

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tempt it is asserted, the miners have been told by their leaders is being contemplated on the part of the operators.

The mine operators have in the northern part of West Virginia sought through President Keeney to reach the Central Competitive States' organization and bring about a wage readjustment. They openly look such action, asserting that it was taken to bring about a reduction in the price of soft coal, the reopening of the mines and an effort to restore a normal, stabilized market. They claimed that prices of other necessary commodities had been reduced to the consumer and that it was high time the price of coal be brought down, but that it could not be brought down unless wages were reduced and also freight rates. Many of the mines close by in Pennsylvania, and a few in northern West Virginia, they asserted had reduced wages, were working as "open shops," and selling coal below what it cost the operators in Northern West Virginia to produce it. Hence they had lost to competitors many of their former customers. The reply of President Keeney was not encouraging. Since then, national leaders of the U. M. of A. have announced that they planned to ask for wage increases, which announcement has not been taken seriously, but classified as a "bluff" in the game between them and the operators. The present wage scale imposed by the exertion of influence by the last national administration, has until next April to run.

Miners wages would probably have been reduced pretty generally in the mining fields in Southern West Virginia long ago if it had not been for the strike in Mingo county, it is stated on reliable authority. The Mingo strike isn't and never has been one in which the question of wages figured. It was and is a fight for and against the recognition of the United Mine Workers of America.

The operators in the Mingo county field long ago claimed to have won that fight, to have manned their mines with men willing to work. They pay these men high wages. The Mine Workers' leaders claim that the strike hasn't been won, and have kept up the fight. It has cost both sides vast sums of money, saying nothing of the large number of lives lost, the almost constant riot, assassination and lawlessness. The men working in the Mingo mines are paid well for it, because their job is a hazardous one. They never know when they are going to be ambushed and "bumped off."

Their high wages is the reason given why other mining regions in the southern part of the state have not reduced wages. That much help the adjoining fields are giving to the Mingo operators, whether they are lending them any other assistance or not. The organization leaders claim that they are; the operators deny it. The Mingo strike, therefore, has served to keep

up the wages of miners generally in Southern West Virginia.

The national government so far as the executive branch is concerned has not yet concerned itself with the merits or demerits of the controversy between coal operators and the Mine Workers' officials. A senate committee is, however. But the executive branch is not nor will it so long as lawlessness and disorder are continued, and orderly government is menaced.

Judge George W. McClintic will hold his first term of court at Webster Springs next Wednesday. It is in his jurisdiction that all the trouble in the mining regions of West Virginia is located. Judge McClintic has the reputation of being uncompromising and fearless in preserving law and order. That tribute was paid him when he was a candidate for appointment. Some of the labor leaders who are figuring in the troubles over Mingo were very active and vigorous in opposing his selection for the federal bench. When they offend federal law, his is the court in which they will be assigned. That report has it, may have had something to do with a change in some of their plans touching upon the parade over the mountains toward Tug river in Mingo county.

There are many reports and there are many rumors, and that one is but one of the many. Washington has not been excited over

Mingo but it has been interesting for Washington can see only one outcome if the federal government's authority is challenged.

County Institute Here Next Week

All teachers of Marion county are expected to attend the county institute to be held this week on August 31, September 1 and 2. This was the notice issued by I. A. Barnes, county superintendent of schools. Special arrangements for the comfort of teachers from out of town have been made—the domestic science rooms having been appropriated to their use for that occasion, especially for those who desire to bring their lunches with them.

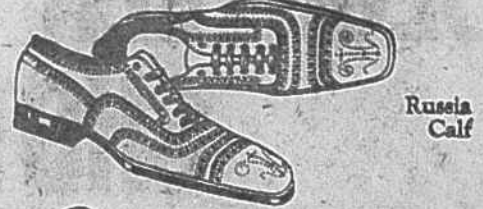
All teachers are also notified that Walter T. Johnston, the photographer, will take a group picture of all attending on Wednesday afternoon and a full attendance for that occasion is desired. About 300 teachers are expected to attend.

Supt. Barnes extends an invitation to the public in general to attend, as the program is one that cannot fail to be of interest to all who have the welfare of the public schools at heart.

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WHAT MADE KEENEY

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Acials at the War department a little later and they, in turn, were in touch with President Harding. Senator Howard Sutherland was called in to conference and to give what information he had, as he was on the following day and on Saturday.

Gen. Bandholtz left Washington Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock and was in Charleston at 8:30 the next morning. Messrs. Keeney and Mooney were early risers that morning. They got out of bed to meet him. Then it was that he said something to them which caused them to change their announced attitude of a few days previously that they "had washed their hands of the whole business." They did not wait for the first train out at 7:30, but jumped into an automobile and sped away to stop the marchers and order them back to their homes.

What did Gen. Bandholtz say? He went direct from a conference at the White House, which conference was participated in by the President, the acting Secretary of War, the chief of staff of the army, and several other officials. It is naturally presumed here with certainty that Gen. Bandholtz carried a message direct from the conference to the two labor leaders, Keeney and Mooney, and the report here is that it was more of a peremptory order than a message or a request.

The generally accepted local report of what Gen. Bandholtz told the two labor leaders is that they, in their official capacities, would be held responsible if they did not make an honest and sincere effort to stop the demonstration and disperse the marching mob and they had the alternative of doing that or being thrown into jail themselves at the instance of the federal government. It was them, and not the man whom Gen. Bandholtz said would go to jail by order of

Uncle Sam, which is presumed made quite a difference in their apparent disinterested attitude toward the affair. A few ignorant foreigners thrown in jail isn't supposed to make much difference to their leaders who are left outside of the hoosegow.

The theory is that when "Mother" Jones made her speech advising the disbanding and the men voted to do that, and when Keeney and Mooney immediately afterward made speeches to the men after which they recinded their vote to quit the road, the circumstances were such as to satisfy the conference at the White House that Keeney and Mooney were the men to put an end to the lawless business under pressure of the Commander-in-Chief of the Army itself. Thereupon Gen. Bandholtz, representing the official person of the President and the majesty of the United States government was despatched forthwith to apply that pressure.

For this procedure and the outcome, "Mother" Jones is given no small credit here. She came here to advise that no federal troops be sent into West Virginia as she claimed it was entirely unnecessary if the government authorities would handle it in the manner she suggested. And it is believed that the government followed out pretty closely her advice.

The government is in possession of a lot of inside information as to the origin of the march-on-Mingo scheme, and has a pretty fair idea who first conceived it, who planned it, and the leaders responsible for carrying out the plan so far as it was developed. Moreover, it is hourly adding to this information, and action against the responsible persons on the part of the federal

government is expected to be taken by it before long.

The opinion prevails in official circles that the disturbance was not an unimpulsed impulse of the men, but was carefully planned and ordered from "higher-ups," several of whom were cautious enough to prepare alibis; they were many miles distant in other parts of the state, when the parade formed and the march started. It is also the general opinion held here, which is, it seems, contrary to that held largely in West Virginia, that the main idea underlying the venture was to stage a sensational and dramatic protest against the existence of martial law in Mingo county. It was, it is the Washington view based on information at hand, that the real motive underlying the affair was to raise an intimidation to forestall any attempt to reduce the wages of coal miners, such an at-

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