

Pleasant Register.

PLEASANT, W. VA., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1909.

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ant, from which
died last Sunday.
Rayburn, born near
Oct. 30, 1836; died at
April 1, 1909, aged
months and 1 day,
May 26, 1851 to Mary A.
daughter of Joseph and
Fisher.
leaves a wife and three
Mrs. Viola Campbell, of
Mrs. Ida Turner, of
s. T. Rayburn, of
Pleasant. Two broth-
rander, of Vincenn-
t, of Point Pleas-
brothers and two
residents of West
neral services con-
Slaughter, of Rip-
nts U. B. Charoh.
Lone Oak cemetery.
in the civil war from
2, till close of war He
on from Oct. 19, 1864,
2, 1865, when he was
He saw no active service
because of his broken
remained with his regi-

ody number of G. A. R.
om Middleport, of which
he was a member, Pomeroy,
olis and this city, attended
al.

John Fisher was also buried
Friday near Sassafras, this
but it was impossible for
learn particulars. We are
ed, however, that it was the
funeral attendance ever
in the Flats.

soldier, take thy rest the bat-
s o'er,
or shalt thou hear again the
e cannon's roar;
ful was thou till death, mid toil
d strife.

there awaits for thee a crown
ife,
ast the river crossed—march-
on before,
o the better land—camped on
s shore:

re thou for us wilt wait—we're
oming, too,
That we may share with thee the
grand review,
Rest—Rest—rest till the last reveille
rest, soldier, rest.

Mr John Troeger, a highly re-
pected citizen of Clifton, and for
many years engaged in the mer-
chandise business at that place,
died last Thursday, and was buried
in the Odd Fellows graveyard at
Mason City on Sunday. He came
to this country from Munich, Ger-
many, and was 82 years of age.
By his industry and economy, had
accumulated a nice little fortune,
estimated at from twenty to thirty
thousand dollars, which consists
principally of real estate in Hunt-
ington, Central City, Cincinnati and
this county, besides quite a lot of
money loaned out on interest. Mr
Troeger, in his will, which was
probated this week, left most of his
estate to his wife, Mary M. Troe-
ger. The will provides for the
collection of his outstanding in-
debtedness, and the sale of the
greater part of his real estate. Mr
E J Somerville is named as the
executor in the will, and as trustee
for Mrs Julia Sobarrf, Mr Troe-
ger's daughter. He had but one
other child, John Troeger, a resi-
dent of McDowell county, who
was present at the death of his
father.

Mrs. J. W. Rhoades, while assist-
ing in the store last Saturday, had
the misfortune to have one of her
hands severely out, necessitating
medical attention. The wound was
caused by a joint of stove pipe
falling and striking her hand, mak-
ing an ugly wound.

A young man of the town by
the name of Wallace jumped the
fence and ran up to White, whom
he declared to be under arrest.
White was about to make a fight,
when another man by the name of
Bletner came to Wallace's assist-
ance and White was held. Mean-
while the villagers gathered around
the scene of the tragedy. Squire
Chris Weiss was called and pre-
pared a warrant for White.

Sheriff John P. Austin hap-
pened to be in town and he
took the prisoner in charge. Pros-
ecutor B. H. Blagg was notified
and he gave orders that White be
taken to Point Pleasant.

The body of John Fisher was
taken to his home near Sassafras,
while the remains of Jas. A. Ray-
burn was brought to the home of
his son, Mr. Chas. Rayburn, in

COLONEL CHILTON.

[West Virginian.]

What's this we see looking through
Our paper for all new that's new,
All printed in big headlines, too,
Of one so much admired?

It comes as clear as lightning's
flash,
And jars us us like a short-armed
smash.

We hope his judgment wasn't rash—
"Will Chilton has retired."

A Wheeling bard penned the
above lines not many weeks ago on
the occasion of the retirement
from politics of Hon Wm E Ohil-
ton, the prominent Charleston
Democratic leader, who has been a
power in party politics in West
Virginia for the past half century.

Our distinguished friend came
into his first great political promi-
nence at the time that William A
MacCorkle was the Democratic
nominee for Governor—away back
in 1894—when West Virginia was
a Democratic State, and when the
country elected Grover Cleveland
to the Presidency for the second
time.

The convention which nomina-
ted Mr MacCorkle was held in
Parkersburg and the leading candi-
date—next to the winner—was
William George Bennett, a brother
of Louis Bennett, late Democratic
nominee for Governor. The con-
test for the nomination was close
drawn, but the Charleston candi-
date finally was successful, and his
success was largely due, no doubt,
to the fact that his campaign was
in the hands of young Chilton. It
was the latter's first great experi-
ment in politics and he found it
quite an easy job to name a Gov-
ernor, almost at will, provided of
course, that one is endowed with
the personal attributes which
characterized the young political
general, even at that early day.

He had managed the MacCorkle
campaign in the convention so suc-
cessfully that the nominee for
Governor insisted upon Mr Ohil-
ton's becoming Chairman of the
State Executive Committee. This
he did and the ensuing campaign
was one of the most brilliantly
managed that our State's political
history records.

It was in that year also that Wm
L Wilson's last successful cam-
paign for Congress was being
fought in the old Second district.
It was a memorable year for the
politicians and when the battle
was over there were many wise
ones,—both successful and de-
feated,—who pointed their fingers
at Will Ohilton and his successful
management of the State campaign
as the cause of the Democratic
victory.

For the next few campaigns, the
Charleston general fought politics
enthusiastically, but largely from
behind the scenes. His tradition-
al opponent from Taylor county
was in the ascendancy. There was
not room for both and the rank
and file seemed to prefer the Graf-
tician so Ohilton "laid low." In
the last campaign, however, the
Colonel again played a part but
upon the heels of the defeat, comes
word that he has permanently re-
tired. He assigns as his reasons
business, family and health.

The Wheeling bard, whose lines
we quote has very properly analyz-
ed the feeling with which Colonel
Chilton's retirement was received
by those Democrats who have
known him for so long and who
have grown to love him so dearly.
Ever a shrewd fighter, his councils
and his executive skill will be
missed by the party to which he
has meant so much. No one is

more appreciative of his ability
and forceful tactfulness than his
opponents. No better tribute
could be paid a man than the com-
ments of the Republican press at
the time of his retirement, or the
speech of Mr McGraw at Charles-
ton in which he characterized Mr
Ohilton as a Napoleon of politics.

Mr Ohilton learned politics at
the feet of John E. Kenne, the
lamented United States Senator,
who lies buried in Kanawha coun-
ty and his name stands for the
same ability, honesty and tact as
did that of the late Senator.

Aye, when the enemy comes your
way.

We'll watch you jump into the fray
With spirit of the former day—
Your being so inspired!

For when the smoke of battle blows,
The powder scent beneath your nose,
I hear you say in fighting pose,
"Like hell, I have retired."

POINT PLEASANT REGISTER TO BE REPUBLISHED

Publishing Company Incorporated
at \$25,000.

The Point Pleasant Register,
which went under recently, is soon
to be published again. The Reg-
ister Publishing Company was in-
corporated yesterday for \$25,000.
Of this \$500 is paid. The purpose
is to publish the Point Pleasant
Register. The incorporators are
H. R. Howard, L. O. Somerville,
W. C. Whaley, Griff T. Smith and
J. S. Spencer, all of Point Pleas-
ant. The Register will be the only
Democratic paper in Mason coun-
ty. None of the incorporators of
the new company were connected
with the old paper.—Charleston
Gazette.

At a meeting of the stockholders
of the Register Publishing Com-
pany held on April 6, 1909, the
property known as the Register
plant, including books, papers and
subscription lists, was purchased
by this Company from J. S. Spen-
cer.

The stockholders also elected the
following directors: H. R. Howard,
L. O. Somerville, W. C. Whaley,
Griff T. Smith and J. S. Spencer.

The Directors organized by elect-
ing L. O. Somerville, President;
H. R. Howard, Vice President;
Griff T. Smith, Secretary; W. C.
Whaley, Treasurer and General
Manager.

BASE BALL.

The game of base ball at this
place last Sunday between Point
Pleasant and Mason City, which
ended in a victory for the latter by
a score of 3 to 2, was one of the
prettiest exhibitions of ball play-
ing ever seen on the home grounds.
The members of the visiting club
are a jolly, pleasant set of boys
who use no bad language, are not
chronic kickers, and the fans see-
ing this applauded their every
good play.

Messrs Anderson Fisher, of
Ohio, Dan Fisher, of Illinois, and
Vene Fister, of this county, sons
of the late John Fisher, the first
two of whom were here attending
the funeral of their father on Sun-
day was in town Monday, and
while here employed the firm of
Somerville & Somerville to assist
the Hon B H Blagg, Prosecuting
Attorney, in the prosecution of
Everett White, for the murder of
their father.

The Sunday School of Trinity
Church will hold their usual serv-
ices next Sunday night.

FREE GIFT FOR A PUBLIC PARK

As an incident of the location of
the Federal building on the old
Kline House lot and additional
land obtained from Mr. Geo. W.
M. Hooff, the general public re-
ceives a very substantial donation
from Mr. Hooff and the Point
Pleasant Trust Company. One of
the conditions on which the gov-
ernment took that site was that the
land lying between it and the top
of the Ohio river bank, a lot about
85 by 116 feet, worth probably
\$2,000.00, should be taken by the
town of Point Pleasant and for-
ever maintained as a public park,
to prevent the cutting off of light,
air, view and danger of fire. How
the town should obtain it, whether
by gift or purchase, was a matter
of no concern to the government
and the council would no doubt
have purchased it, rather than
have had the location made else-
where, for they knew at least three-
fourths of the people favored it
and would have endorsed the pur-
chase of the park. But the gener-
osity of the Trust Company and
Mr. Hooff relieved that body of
the necessity of considering a pur-
chase proposition. They put their
property in at cost, interest, taxes
and expenses, so that the money
obtained from the government for
the site and what the town paid
for a strip to widen Fourth street
covers it, and conveyed the land
lying back of the site to the town
as a free gift for a public park.
After this was done, the council
passed a resolution, extending to
the donors the thanks of the citi-
zens of the town.

This is the only substantial do-
nation the town has received since
its incorporation. Mr. Hooff and
the Trust Company are not philan-
thropists in the sense in which
Carnegie and Rockefeller are, but
they are public spirited, and devo-
ted to the interests of their town
and county. They went into the
enterprise for the improvement of
the wharf and the location of the
Federal building, not for private
gain, but for the public good.

PERRY C. LEMASTER DEAD.

Perry C. Lemaster, aged 81 years,
died Sunday morning, March 28,
1909, due principally to the infir-
mities of old age. He had been ail-
ing for a long time and his death
was not unexpected. He leaves
four children: Mrs. John Pullin,
of Indiana; Mrs. J. S. McCulloch
and Mrs. Gallatin Pullin, of this
county, and Charles Lemaster, of
Texas; and two sisters, Mrs. Hawk-
ins, of Indiana, and Mrs. J. M.
Eokard, of Flat Rock. Interment
in Eokard Chapel burying ground.
Uncle Perry was a familiar figure
on our streets for many years. He
was kind and generous and all who
knew him liked and respected him.
We tender our sympathies to the
bereaved.

Dr. Guthrie's House.

G E Mathews, the decorator and
paper hanger, has the contract for
papering and decorating Dr Guth-
rie's mansion on Main street.
Mathews, besides being a first-
class workman, has all the new de-
signs in papers, etc., and carries no
out-of-date papers. When the
work is completed we understand
the house will be occupied by Mr
Marcus Friedman.

Mr. John Starkey, of Glenwood,
fell from a corn crib last week and
sustained severe but but dangerous
injuries.