

CUTTING SCRAPE

BERT BECK GOES AFTER NELSON HOLLAND WITH A KNIFE.

Bert Beck was arrested at Point Pleasant Saturday for an alleged offense committed at Kanawga, and held until Sheriff Jones went up and got him and landed him in jail. Here he lay until one o'clock today when he had his hearing before Justice Dunn.

It seems as though Nelse Holland, Bert Beck, J. H. McMartin, Capt. Hanes, Engineer White and others were on the ferryboat plying between Point Pleasant and Kanawga Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock, and were coming to this side. Beck had come on board apparently drunk and in bad humor and had an open knife in his hand when he came on the boat. An altercation took place over his fare of ten cents, with him and the officers of the boat into which Mr. Holland was drawn and being afraid of Beck with his open knife he struck at him and Beck would have struck back at him with his knife, but Capt. Hanes and Engineer White prevented him, and on the boat landing on this side Holland tried to get home and get out of the unpleasantness. He was the first going up the hill, Martin next and Beck behind. Coming up to Martin he commanded him to stand aside. Martin did so, but seeing Beck was angry and that he had the open knife in his hand told Holland to look out that Beck was going to cut him.

Holland tried to grab a picket of the fence or to get hold of some thing to stand Beck off with, him but seeing that he couldn't broke into run for home. Beck pursued him till Holland fell exhausted, when Beck overtook him, kicked him and struck him while he was down and cut him badly with his knife in one of his legs. Holland begged him for his life and he desisted and then went after Martin, followed him into Deen's store and through the store into the back part of the building when Mrs. Deen ordered him out. Beck accused Martin of telephoning for Gallipolis cops. He turned then and went to the ferryboat and crossed to Point Pleasant where an arrest was made and Justice Dunn bound him over to the grand jury in the sum of \$500 which he could not give. In the meantime Beck swears out a warrant for Holland for an assault with intent to kill him on the boat and it was to be heard before Justice Cromley this afternoon.

Mr. Holland is a towboat mate and a nice man and used to be here with Capt. Dan Thomas. Beck is a brother-in-law of Bert Meize.—Gallipolis Tribune

POINT PLEASANT

BUSINESS MAN TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH MANAGEMENT OF HUNTINGTON FIRM.

E. B. Sisler, for many years one of Point Pleasant's most prominent business men, arrived in the city yesterday with his family and will hereafter be identified with the management of the Garland-Biggs-Wilson company, in which firm he has purchased an interest.

Mr. Sisler was the proprietor of two large drygoods store in Point Pleasant, in which stores he has sold his interest but the stores will continue to be known as the E. B. Sisler stores.

The high standing enjoyed by Mr. Sisler, both in the financial and social world, during his residence in Point Pleasant, guarantees his worth as an acquisition to the business life of Huntington and those interested in attracting to the city the best of citizens, will be glad to welcome Mr. Sisler as such, and grant him a place among the prominent men of the city.—Huntington Herald.

Mrs. Ella VanMatre, of Gallipolis Ferry, was a visitor in town yesterday.

FROM AMBUSH

MILTON MAN SPRINGS AND CUTS HIS WIFE'S THROAT.

Milton, W. Va. May 7.—While returning from church Thursday night in the vicinity of Cooper school house near this place, Mrs. McCormack was assailed from behind by her former husband, Noah McCormack, and her throat cut from ear to ear. She cannot recover.

With the cry, "here is where you die," the man dashed from a clump of bushes along the road side and grasping the woman around the waist, slashed his victim several times. Striking a match the man flashed it in the woman face, and turning to his sister who accompanied him said, "She's dead." He then forcibly took a ring from the hand of his sister and placed it on the supposedly dead woman's finger, at the same time stating he wanted her to be buried with a ring on her finger. His sister notified a family by the name of Rose living near and the woman was taken to their home.

The affair is the outcome of a divorce and came as a surprise and shock to every one in this section owing to the fact that the parties concerned are both of good families and are well known. Mrs. McCormack is the daughter of William H. Templeton, a well known Cabell county man.

It is said that the sister begged the man not to molest the woman and tried by force to keep him from assailing her, but it is supposed that his mind was temporarily deranged at the time of the dastardly act.

McCormack has not yet been caught but Monday night he was seen by parties looking in the window where the woman is lying in a dying condition. Feeling against him is bitter.

CROP HALF MILLION

VAST SUM PAID TO TOBACCO GROWERS IN THIS DISTRICT.

That West Virginia and especially the counties of Putnam, Lincoln, Mason and Cabell is rapidly coming to the front as in burley tobacco growing industry is evidenced by the following figures that have been secured from the warehouse of the American Tobacco company at Hurricane.

The total amount paid to farmers of this section for tobacco the past season was \$432,000. This amount was disbursed by W. P. Boyd, manager of the warehouse at Hurricane, and represents the proceeds of the sale of approximately three and one half million pounds of the weed.

The greater part of this tobacco was grown in the counties of Putnam and Lincoln, Putnam county carrying off the honors both as to amount and quality of the tobacco delivered at the Hurricane warehouse.

Mr. Boyd has been manager at Hurricane for many years, and besides being very popular among the tobacco growers, he is probably the most expert judge of the crop in this state. His estimate made last fall of the number of pounds of tobacco produced in his territory varied only 360 pounds from the actual scale weight as shown by the totals of all purchases at the Hurricane warehouse.

YOUNG LADY DEAD.

Miss Bertha Neal, aged twenty-two years, died at her home near Wyoma, last Friday, of tuberculosis. The deceased was said to be, a fine young lady, by those who knew her and will be sadly missed by her relatives and friends. The funeral was held Sunday morning and burial immediately after at Zion Church cemetery.

The new crop of home grown strawberries are now in the market. The strawberry raisers of Ar buckle District report that the crop is excellent.

MANAGER JOE MACK'S INDIANS ARE PLAYING IN HARD LUCK.

With two games lost, one tie, and one game forfeited Mack's Indians it would seem, are in hard luck, however, they play at Ashland three games, beginning with today, and Mack says that he will leave there with three straights to his credit. Following the Ashland games we play three with the tail enders, Montgomery and ought to take three from them. The following is an account of the games played since the opening of the season.

THURSDAY GAME.

Score: R. H. E.
Pt. P.-G. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 6
Pk'g. 0 2 3 4 0 0 0 0 0 9 10 4
Two base hits—Erb, Smith, Stewart. Stolen Bases—Smith, C. Erb. Double plays—Hunter to Mack, Stewart to Eberst to C. Erb. Sacrifice hits—Mollencamp, Williams, Joseph. Bases on ball—Off Joseph, 2; off Schaefer, 1. Hit batter—C. Erb, G. Erb. Passed ball—Hunter. Struck Out—By Joseph, 2; by Schaefer, 7. Time of Game—1:45. Umpire Dasch.

FRIDAY'S GAME.

Score: R. H. E.
Pt. P.-G. 1 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 2 6 5 4
Pk'g. 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 4 10 6
Two base hits—McGraynor, Pickles, Mollencamp, Gilmore. Stolen bases—Smathers, Smith, Gilmore. Double plays—Hunter to Best. Sacrifice hit—G. Erb. Bases on balls—Off McGraynor 3, off Brown 2. Hit batter—Pickles, Smith (2). Wild pitch—Brown. Struck out, by McGraynor 9, by Brown 10. Time of Game—1:54. Umpire Dasch.

SUNDAY'S GAME.

Score: R. H. E.
Char. 1 1 1 2 2 1 0 1 0 9 10 8
Pt. P.-G. 0 0 0 0 0 5 2 1 1 9 15 2
Two Base Hits: Mack, H. Wills, Gregory. Three Base Hits: Hunter, Connoly. Stolen bases: Mollohan, Mack, Stockum (2), Bramlage. Sacrifice Hit: Zurlage. Bases on Balls: Off Harris, 4; off Wills, 4. Hit by Pitcher: By H. Wills: Gilmore, Pickles. Passed Ball: By Hunter, 1; by Connoly, 1. Struck Out: By Harris, 1; by King, 3; by H. Wills, 5; by Witter, 1. Hits: Off Harris, 15 in 7 1-3 innings; off King, 0 in 1 1-3 innings; off H. Wills, 6 in 6 2-3 innings; off Cy Wills, 2 in 1-3 inning; off Witter, 2 in 2 inning Time: 2 hours 10 minutes. Umpire: York.

Manager Joe Mack, of the Point Pleasant team of the Virginia Valley League, has a team that is going to be heard from before the season is over. After Charleston had secured a big lead in the first game Sunday the Point Pleasant team came from behind and played the Senators to a tie at the end of the ninth inning when the game was called by reason of darkness with the score standing 9 to 9.

The coming of the Cornstalk team and the unusual kindness of the weather man permitted the first Sunday game of the season. The game was played at South Charleston and about 1,500 people were in attendance to see the home team wal-

HAYMAN'S STORE ROBBED.

Will Hayman's store at Flat Rock, under the management of Hugh Daugherty, was robbed one night last week. The thieves broke into Pullin's blacksmith, shop robbing his cash drawer of three dollars, and taking the tools which they broke into Mr. Hayman's store. They got several pairs of men, women and childrens shoes, box of eye glasses, box of underwear, and other small articles. It is thought that the robbery was committed by local parties as it was evidently done by some one familiar with the interior of both the blacksmith shop and store.

Mrs. Frank Fadely, sick for a week is some better.

lop the visitors. A new umpire, York, was on hand for the game but he did not give the general satisfaction that Severs did, who officiated last week.—Charleston Mail

MONDAY'S GAME.

Score: R. H. E.
Char. 0 0 0 3 5 2 * -10 10 0
Pt. P.-G. 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 -2 3 3
Earned runs—Charleston 3. Two base hits—Erlwine, Mack. Home run—Stockem. Stolen bases—Stockem, Carney, Leemaster, Zurlage, Peck. Double plays—Peck (unassisted). Base on balls—Off Lancaster, 5; off Kuehn, 4; off Meister, 3. Struck out—By Lemaster, 3; by Kuehn, 3; by Meister, 3. Wild pitches—By Meister, 2. Time of game—2:07. Umpire—York.

This game was forfeited by failure of playing, Manager Mack not leaving the field after being ordered out of the game by Umpire York. The Umpire was so rotten that Manager Mack could not stand him any longer and told him so. The "Um" then told Mack to get out of the game. Mack started for the players bench, but did not move fast enough to suit his honor, the boss, so he gave the game to Charleston 9 to 0. The directors meet tonight at Ashland to take action on the appeal, made by Manager Henry. It is said that the Umpire was drunk during the game.

TUESDAY'S GAME.

Score: R. H. E.
Char. 0 0 1 1 0 0 3 0 * -5 6 5
Pt. P.-G. 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 -3 3 1
Earned runs—Charleston 1. Two base hits—Smith, Hunter. Stolen base—Bambridge. Base on balls—off Shafer, 5; off Stanley, 5. Hit by pitcher—Hunter. Left on bases—Charleston, 5; Pt. Pleasant, 6. Struck out—By Stanley, 12; by Shafer, 7. Passed balls—By Hunter, 1. Sacrifice hits—Erlwine, Ferrell (2), Mack. Time of game, 2:20. Umpire, York.

Shafer, who covered the mound for the Hyphens, indicated by all his work throughout the game, that he is a good man and one that may be relied on to make a good showing against any of the teams in the Virginia Valley class. He fanned seven of the locals, but Stanley made twelve of them hit the wind. Each allowed five men to go to first on balls and two of those passed by Stanley scored while another hit by the local slab man made the other score marked up to the credit of the visitors.

The strong and steady whip of Hunter, the visiting catcher, was the subject of much favorable comment from the spectators. He can toss the sphere to second with the precision of a well-aimed bullet, and is quick to throw to the other bases to nab the runners who get careless and play too far off.

The Statesmen took the game, The score was five to three. The Point Pleasant Gallipolis team had the losing end of the situation, but showed that it is comprised of good players and together with a little good luck, will make them foes worthy of a try with any of the teams in the league.—Charleston Gazette.

BIG SUCCESS.

The Home Talent troupe, which recently gave the rural drama, "When a Man's Single," here went to Mason City, Saturday evening and gave the play for the benefit of the M. E. church at that place. The Steamer Klondike took the troupe down and quite a crowd of people went along to help out our neighboring town in their good work. We are informed by Mr. W. E. Ruttencutter that the gross receipts were \$102.05 net \$75. Financially the best they have had during their campaign for building funds for their new church.—Hartford Cor. to Pomeroy Independent.

Mr. W. C. Mitchell, of Plymouth, W. Va., was a visitor at the home of R. E. Mitchell, Sunday.

10TH ANNUAL ELECTION

OFFICERS OF THE COL. CHARLES LEWIS CHAPTER D. A. R.

The Col. Charles Lewis Chapter D. A. R., met at the Mansion House Tuesday, May 10th. The main object of the meeting was the election of officers. The Regent, Mrs. D. E. Newton, being in Cincinnati attending the Biennial Meeting of Women's Federation of Clubs, and Mrs. S. A. Dunbar being ill, on motion Mrs. Ben Franklin Jr. was duly elected to fill the place as Regent and the business of the day proceeded.

Mrs. Franklin announced that the present Regent would be unable to serve a second term, where upon Mrs. George Poffenbarger offered a Resolution of thanks and appreciation for her past services and regrets that she could not succeed herself. The Chapter voted to have the Resolutions spread upon the records. Mrs. Poffenbarger then put in nomination Mrs. Ben Franklin Jr. as Regent and putting the motion found Mrs. Franklin to be the unanimous choice of all the ladies present, who it is believed echoed the entire sentiment of the Chapter. Then followed the nomination of Mrs. J. Daniel McCulloch First Vice Regent, Mrs. J. M. McCooch of Huntington 2nd Vice Regent, which were unanimous. Miss Lena L. Roseberry the efficient Secretary was elected to succeed herself and highly complimented upon her work of the year. Miss Lillie Lee Hogg Register and Miss Elizabeth Harding Hogg Corresponding Secretary were re-elected because of their most efficient services. Mrs. John McCulloch was elected Historian, Mrs. J. M. H. Beale as Librarian, Mrs. Peter Higgins Steenberg Treasurer. The incoming Regent was authorized to select her own Program Committee and Mrs. Mary Margaret Bryan of Point Pleasant, Mrs. J. B. Downing of Middleport, Mrs. D. E. Newton of Hartford, were elected on the Board of Management who together and the Regent and Secretary constitute the Board.

It was decided to observe Decoration Day and all of the ladies present were appointed a committee together with the other members of the Chapter, and Miss Lillie Lee Hogg, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. J. D. McCulloch, Mrs. J. M. H. Beale, Miss Roseberry, and Mrs. Poffenbarger were appointed to arrange a Program.

The next meeting of the Chapter, June 14th, will be held at the Mansion House and will be the Chapter's Annual Outing and will be largely in the form of an all day picnic. Miss Lillie Hogg, Mrs. Mary Margaret Bryan, Mrs. Wm. Steenberg, Mrs. Ben Franklin Jr., Mrs. W. H. Vaught and Mrs. D. E. Newton were appointed a committee on arrangements to meet at the call of the Regent Mrs. Newton.

Miss Lillie Hogg announced that the heirs of the late Mr. A. S. Knight, her uncle, had given her his famous painting of the Battle of Point Pleasant which she would present on June 14th. This offer the Chapter gladly accepted and voted that Mrs. Poffenbarger should deliver the address of acceptance at its unveiling.

At the close of the business session a delightful hour of social session was held.

The ladies present were: Mrs. J. D. McCulloch, Mrs. M. E. Hutehinson, Mrs. B. Franklin Jr., Miss Lena L. Roseberry, Mrs. Mary Margaret Bryan, Mrs. George Poffenbarger, and Misses Elizabeth H. and Lillie Lee Hogg.

NEW PIPE LINE.

The Ohio Southern Gas Company which supplies Middleport and Pomeroy with gas, has surveyed a line to connect with the big gas main which passes through the country near Chester. It is expected that the connection will be completed before fall and that there will be no more shortage of gas in this neighborhood.—Republican, Middleport.

MR. JEFF HUNTER

OF ASHTON, WRITES OF HIS TRIP TO MOBILE, ALA.

Where he attended the 20th Annual Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans as a delegate from Camp Garnett, of Huntington.

On leaving the Ohio River, as I started South, the weather was cool, and before reaching the Tennessee Mountains there was quite a little snow.

At Chattanooga my overcoat was my best friend. We reached Mobile Tuesday morning, April 26th, found the weather much warmer.

The buildings and streets were gaily decorated, and every where you could find moving crowds, largely made up of old veterans who invariably wore their old Confederate uniforms, well decorated with badges.

The encampment grounds were located about four miles down the bay, at Monroe Park, where there were some 3,000 tents and two large "mess houses" fully equipped. It may have been a little inconvenient to go to and from the "Encampment" but there were several street car lines and many cars at your service, and veterans had free street car tickets.

There was some compliments about coats and blankets, but this was largely due because veterans did not look them up, for I saw hundreds not in use. Everybody offered hospitality, but in some cases I fear the old soldiers did not inquire or go to the committee on arrangements.

The parade was certainly a large one and a glorious one, and many of the old officers were in full Confederate uniform, and I regret to say our great State of West Virginia was very poorly represented.

I was impressed by the friendly greeting the veterans gave each other, whether they ever met before or not. As for myself, I was housed and entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Toulmin, whom I had met at the Reunion of the "G. A. R." Cincinnati, in 1899.

The great crowd was well handled and no accidents or deaths reported. The next reunion will be at Little Rock, Ark.

The country about Mobile is quite level and nearly on a level with the river and bay which leads out thirty five miles to Fort Morgan and Gulf of Mexico. At the wharf I saw great many large ships loading with lumber for Europe, and two ships unloading bananas right into cars for the north.

The frost did not hurt crops much here, but I found in center of Alabama great loss to corn and cotton.

On my return trip I stopped off at Jasper, Ala., and spent a few days with my oldest sister.

Birmingham, I found to be a flourishing up-to-date city, fine wide streets and large buildings, and has the largest furnaces and iron mills in the country, and a great railroad center.

After all I have come to the conclusion that Mason county is hard to equal.

Yours truly,
JEFF HUNTER.

BUSINESS HOUSES WILL CLOSE.

Over sixty of the business houses here have signed a petition to close their places of business on Tuesday May 17, from three o'clock until five, on account of the opening of the base ball season here. Manager Henry circulated the petition and has the signatures of not only the large dry goods, men's furnishing houses, general stores, etc., but the signatures of all the saloonists on the paper. The local team will play the fast Parkersburg's on that date and the largest crowd ever at a ball game in this vicinity is looked for. Be sure you are there and root for the home team.

Mr. Homer Smith left Saturday for a brief visit to the oil fields at Breman, Ohio.