

# POINT PLEASANT REGISTER.

## LONG LOST SISTERS

### TO BE REUNITED—A TRUE STORY OF INTENSE INTEREST.

Quite a romantic story has developed in this county, says the Middleport Republican, with the Children's Home and Middleport as a setting.

Two orphan sisters, separated for 21 years, are about to be reunited. The story, in detail, rivals the wildest flights and romance.

In 1888 two little girls were taken to the Meigs County Children's Home from Portland, their parents being dead, their father being Hudson Arnold, and their mother Virginia Bircher Arnold. One, Pricely Arnold, was six years of age, and the other, Virginia Arnold, was four years of age.

On May 4, 1888, Pricely was adopted from the Home by Dr. E. E. Musgrave, of Maggie, W. Va., a postoffice a short distance from Point Pleasant, in Mason county, where she resided until some fourteen years ago. One day in packing eggs, she jokingly wrote her name on an egg. This particular box of eggs went up into Michigan and happened to fall into the hands of a Mr. Bushall, a young man then in the grocery business in Marquette County, Michigan.

In a spirit of fun he wrote the little West Virginia maiden, and in due course of time their friendship ripened into love and he came down from his northern home and they were married. They now live at Sherman, Mich., have a fine family of five children and have plenty of this world's goods.

Virginia relates that she remembers distinctly the day her sister was taken from the Home. It was a dark, rainy day, and Dr. Musgrave appeared in a closed cab. Pricely was made ready, kissed her little sister good bye, and was taken to the waiting cab. Those in charge would not permit her to go out, so she stood on her tip-toes at a window, with the tears streaming down her cheeks, and saw her sister being driven away in what she took to be a little house on wheels.

Shortly afterward, Virginia was taken from the Home by Mrs. Powell, of Clifton. Later she was adopted by Mrs. M. L. Lusker, of Huntington, mother of Mrs. John W. Glover, of Middleport. After reaching womanhood, she went to Marion, Ind., and for years was a nurse in the National Military Home there. One evening, three years and four months ago, she and several other nurses, to amuse themselves, gathered about a table and began calling up spirits in the regulation way. Finally, Virginia asked:

"Have I a sister?"

She remembered that she once had a sister, and she further remembered that she had called her Pricely, but she could not recall whether it was her real name or a nick-name.

The reply from the spirit was three raps, meaning "Yes."

"Is she married?" was the next question.

The reply came back promptly, "Yes."

"Has she any children?"

"Yes."

"How many?"

"Three."

"Will I ever see her?"

"Yes."

"How long will it be?"

"Three years."

That was three years and four months ago. The sister now has five children. How many she had at that time is not known at this end of the line.

From Marion Miss Virginia went to a nurse's training school at Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, where she graduated on December 10th of last year.

A few weeks ago she came down from Michigan on a visit to the old institution at Marion, where she was offered and will accept a fine position. She concluded to come on to

Huntington to visit her foster mother. A few days ago they came on up to Middleport to visit Mrs. Glover and family. All these years she bent her energies to find her sister and was particularly strong in the search after her spiritualistic experience.

Early this week she made a search of the Children's Home records, by which she found out who had adopted her sister. Wednesday she and Mrs. Glover went down to the West Virginia Flats to see whether or not they could unravel the mystery.

At first they were balked by the fact that two Musgrave families in that neighborhood had adopted children from the Home. The first clew run down revealed the fact that it was a Hyssell child that they were on track of. A new track put them on the right course and they soon found out the history and postoffice address of the lost sister. They returned to Middleport where a long and loving letter was dispatched to the Michigan sister, stating the plans for an early reunion.

A representative of this paper met Miss Virginia at the home of Mr. Glover Thursday morning and gathered the above story. She hesitated somewhat about permitting the egg episode about her sister going in, but we think it adds to the romantic features, will do no one any harm, and therefore set it down.

Another strange feature of this story is the fact that both foster mothers of these girls are now employed at the Home for Incurables at Huntington.

Miss Virginia is a handsome young woman, well-traveled and used to the world, tall, well-built, round-faced and with a fine head of beautiful light hair. She remembers her sister as a little girl with curls.

Miss Arnold left for Huntington Thursday and from there goes to Marion, where she will probably meet her Michigan sister.

## MRS. JOSEPH MILLER

### WELL KNOWN KENOVA LADY PASSES AWAY.

Mrs. Florence Miller, wife of Hon. Joseph S. Miller, died at her home in Kenova last Wednesday. Mrs. Miller had been ill since June, and for several weeks her condition had been regarded as being practically hopeless. Yesterday morning, however, she appeared to have become stronger, and showed evidence of improvement. This appearance proved deceptive, and early in the day Mrs. Miller began to sink, and by 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon she was dead.

Mrs. Miller was, prior to her marriage, Miss Florence Tice, of Hagerstown, Md. In 1875 she was united in marriage with Joseph S. Miller, and during the more than thirty-four years of their married life was ever a faithful and devoted wife. Two children were born, a daughter, Mrs. George D. Shelley, of Reidsville, N. C., and Lee A. Miller, of Baltimore.

For more than fifteen years Mrs. Miller had resided with her husband and family at Kenova. During that time she formed a wide acquaintance with the people of this section of the state and had many friends in Huntington. The Miller home was noted for the genuineness and graciousness of its hospitality. She was a thoroughly domestic woman and was deeply devoted to her home and family. Hers was a beautiful character and a beautiful life. And the husband and the children who survive her will receive all the greater measure of sympathy from those who judge their loss by an intimate knowledge of Mrs. Miller's worth as a wife and mother.—Huntington Advertiser.

Mr. Noah S. Vance, of Frazier's Bottom, was here Tuesday greeting his many friends. Mr. Vance was for a long time one of our city fathers and looked after the interests of the First Ward with a jealous eye, and made a good councilman. He is now engaged in farming and has plenty of this world's goods.

## W. T. HEATON

### PASSES AWAY VERY SUDDENLY AT PARKERSBURG.

W. T. Heaton, who has written the obituary of many of his friends, in which the good deeds of the departed were extolled and words of comfort were said to their afflicted families, lies cold in death at the family home, 1807 Covert street, and expressions of sorrow and regret over his death are heard on every side, for he was a kind, genial and big-hearted man, the friend of everyone. It was only a few days ago that he penned a beautiful tribute to his friend, the late Rev. Father Hickey, one that was couched in language that indicated the depth of kindly feeling that he experienced for the departed.

Mr. Heaton's death was due to a stroke of apoplexy, which occurred unexpectedly shortly after 10 o'clock Wednesday night. Although he had been quite ill two years ago, and was confined to his home for several months, since then he had been enjoying excellent health, apparently, as he never complained of feeling badly. He was at his desk in the internal revenue office all day Wednesday, and left there at the close of the day's work with no warning that it would be his last day with his co-workers. He ate a hearty supper, enjoyed it, and spent the evening with his family. In a few minutes afterward he had a coughing spell and soon complained of a smothering sensation. He arose and descended to the living room for a drink of water, Mrs. Heaton going with him. It was soon apparent that his condition was very serious, and neighbors and physicians were called. Mr. Heaton spoke only a few words after being stricken, and these were: "I am going; it is all over." Then he lapsed into unconsciousness and in a few minutes after the arrival of the physicians his death occurred. His going was as in a gentle sleep, painless. He was surrounded by the members of his family, all of whom had been summoned.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

"How strange it seems, with so much gone of life and love, to still live on."

**NIGHT TRAIN OVER B. & O.** Huntington has won another big fight. A few weeks ago certain influential business men of Charleston, Wheeling and Parkersburg began agitating the question of a night train between Pittsburg and Charleston, via Point Pleasant and the K. & M. Railway.

When Huntington business men were advised of this plan, they became immediately active in an effort to make Huntington the southern terminus of the Pittsburg express, and the C. & O., instead of the K. & M., the connecting link between Huntington and Charleston.

And Huntington won. Yesterday Dan A. Mossman, president of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, received a letter from the officials of the Baltimore & Ohio railway advising him that, after due consideration, they had decided to start the night train between Pittsburg and Charleston, when the new schedule becomes operative next month. The train will come direct to Huntington, the starting point for Pittsburg.—Huntington Advertiser.

Poison from mushrooms is frequently reported, but only ignorance and prejudice prevent them from being an article of every day food. In Europe, declares the New York Press, there are some thirty or more kinds, which are eaten in summer either fresh or pickled in vinegar and oil by thousands of peasants. The money value of mushrooms far exceeds that of any other vegetable or fruit. Mushrooms growing is profitable also for the preparation of catsup.

## CHARLESTON TO BE DRY FOR ONE YEAR.

Charleston, Capital City of West Virginia, will remain dry until July 1, 1910, at least.

Friday afternoon at the Kanawha courthouse, when twenty members of the Charleston city council said they would vote dry on the license question hereafter, Judges Shepherd and Mottesheard stated that the county court would not consider the license question again during the present license year which expires on July 1, 1910.

On the call of the roll of the councilmen, twenty members announced that hereafter they would continue to vote dry and it was upon this decision of half the members of council that the court announced its determination not to grant liquor licenses during the present license year.

## LOCKS AND DAMS.

The Gallipolis Tribune has the following to say concerning the work of the engineers:

Several new Locks and Dams for this territory were located Monday by the Pittsburg Pilot's Harbor 25. Dam 22 was located at Apple Grove, O., along the farms of C. H. Chapman and Robt. Sayre. Dam 23 was located at Wolf's Bar one mile below Racine, O. Dam 24 at Cheshire, and Dam 25 at either one quarter above the mouth of the Great Kanawha river or one quarter mile below. The pilots did not definitely decide the question. This will make 5 dams within fifty miles. Each dam will cost one million dollars or more.

The fruit growing industry in West Virginia is not only proving attraction to our own people; but thousands of dollars of money is being brought in to the state for investments in orchards. In common with other organizations of the state the Berkeley county Horticultural Society is endeavoring to establish such standards for West Virginia fruit and to so advertise her fruit growing advantages as to attract capital for the development of the thousands of acres of the finest fruit lands now lying dormant.

## ODD FELLOWS HOME

### HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FROM CONTRACTORS.

The building committee of the Odd Fellows Home at Elkins on Wednesday formally accepted the new home from the contractor, C. P. Howell.

The committee is composed of Hon. O. S. McKinney, Hon. Septimus Hall, John Bock, John Beckley and Morris Chapman, and the committee from the state assembly is Mrs. T. M. Silcott, of Parkersburg, and Mrs. Sadie Ruttenutter, of Mason City. Grand Master J. D. Marsteller and the other grand officers of the grand lodge met with the committee, also Mrs. John Currence, of Clarksburg, who is president of the state assembly, and other grand officers of the same.

The committee has a number of important duties to perform in addition to that of receiving the building from the contractor. Among them will be to select a superintendent for the home to arrange for the furnishing of the home in a manner in keeping with the splendid building preparatory to receiving those who will seek admission.

It is not generally known who will be selected as superintendent but it is predicted by many that Hon. Septimus Hall, of New Martinsville, will be called upon to fill that important position. Mr. Hall is past grand master and has been actively identified with every proposition working towards the building of the home from its first inception to its completion and he is therefore classed as being the best equipped Odd Fellow for the place in the state and his appointment would be received with approbation by the thousands of Odd Fellows throughout W. Va.

## POINT PLEASANT

### BATTLE NOT A REVOLUTIONARY BATTLE.

Yesterday the Mail printed an article disputing the claim that the battle of Point Pleasant was a battle of the Revolutionary war. Col. Henry Hammond, of Clarksburg, a West Virginia historian, was quoted to the effect that investigation into contemporary records showed that the battle was fought by the loyal troops of King George, and that Lord Dunmore was praised by all his contemporaries for the part he took in the war with Constatk. Evidently, at the time of the battle, there was commendation for Lord Dunmore and not criticism. The "Old Dominion" was at that time still loyal to Britain, and still deserved the title conferred as a special reward for her loyalty.

The idea of treachery on the part of Lord Dunmore and his alleged desire to see the Virginians defeated at the Point in order to embarrass the colonies afterwards to engage in the struggle for independence, was an after thought of the colonists after the struggle broke out and Lord Dunmore adhered to the royalist cause. In the hatred and prejudice that war and intense political strife engenders, following the attempts of Lord Dunmore to embarrass the Revolutionists, all his previous acts were searched and, as is usual in such cases, the worst interpretation has always been placed upon every act, and probably innocent acts in themselves were afterwards made to have a meaning and intent not really their own.

It is doubtful if any of the Royalists had any idea that there would be a revolt of the colonies until the storm actually broke; until, like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky, the first gun was fired at Lexington that rang around the world, caused the irreparable breach, and fired the hearts of the colonists. Great Britain had heard the complaints of the colonies before, many times and often, and the very fact of her persistent course in oppressive measures would argue that the dissatisfaction of the colonists was underestimated and that the British government had no fears of a revolt.

Granted that the battle of Point Pleasant was not a real Revolutionary fight, it yet loses none of its importance. While it had no bearing on the breaking out of the struggle, and was fought with men wearing the British uniform, bearing the British colors, and officered by men of sworn allegiance to the British King against enemies of the British, it had yet an important bearing on the Revolutionary struggle soon to come afterwards. For, the victory of Point Pleasant cowed the spirit and broke the confederacy of Indian tribes that, had not this been the case, might have affected that contest adversely had they been free to attack the colonists in the rear while opposing the British regulars in front. In pushing the boundaries of the pale face from the Alleghenies to the Ohio, it inaugurated the first of that "Westward, Ho!" movement which has since gone continually on, until the Mississippi has been crossed, the alkaline desert conquered, the Rockies scaled, Hawaii annexed, and the Philippines taken under the shadow and protection of the wing of the American eagle. That it saved the people of what is now West Virginia from massacre while its stalwart marksmen were with Washington in the east, or winning at King's Mountain, that won that battle that proved the turning point in the Revolution, and that foreshadowed the end of British rule over the colonists, is honor and glory enough, without any straining to make it appear a contest, that at best, is apocryphal and will hardly stand the test of critical history.

It may be possible that the distinguished Virginians who were the

contemporaries of Lord Dunmore were mistaken when they praised him for his defense of the western border against the savages, and that they did not read his acts and motives aright until their eyes were opened by the after events of the Revolution, by making allowance for prejudice and the natural suspicion that attaches to the acts of an enemy, with the likewise not unnatural inclination to blacken the memory of a bitter foe, the historian must carefully weigh all the facts before coming to a conclusion; and in this case, with all the facts, it is hard to figure out how the Point Pleasant battle was a Revolutionary struggle. Had it gone adversely, it is still probable that the battle of Lexington would have occurred just as it did, and that the result of that first fight would have had the same effect. The only bearing the battle at the Point could have had, would have been the possible after effect on the result of the Revolutionary war, and this is invading a province that is distinctly in the hands of Providence.—Charleston Mail.

## WHAT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MEANS.

In an address before the Mayor's Association of Texas, held in San Angelo, Jewel P. Lightfoot, assistant attorney-general of the Lone Star State, emphasized the need of unbiased administration. Said he:

"If there is a place above another in our system of government calling for the exalted and unbiased administration of law and unselfish devotion for the public weal, it is in the exercise of the wide powers and discretion vested in municipal government.

"In order to secure the people the full enjoyment of their rights, the highest efficiency and economy should be employed and it should be the aim to return to the people the largest possible proportion of their taxes in the form of substantial and permanent improvements.

## ESCAPE

### OF GENERAL JOHN MORGAN FROM OHIO PENITENTIARY.

Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 21.—"Two Columbus women, whose names I refuse to divulge, paid \$30,000 in gold to secure the release of General John H. Morgan and his companions, the famous Southern raiders, who were confined in the Ohio Penitentiary," was the startling statement made today by Capt. John B. Gibson, of the first Kentucky Cavalry, Union army, during the Civil War, and who helped capture Morgan in Ohio.

Captain Gibson states that the hole was dug in the cell, and the tunnel made clear past their chamber, but it was a bluff. The prisoners were simply turned loose by the soldiers who guarded them, and when they got outside the walls they were hastily driven to a place where they changed clothes. Morgan was then quickly sent out of the state to the South.

Gibson says the money for Morgan's release was raised by Southern women sympathizers, who considered it terrible that Morgan should be confined in the little cell in prison stripes. Gibson further states that Morgan's three brothers, now living in Kentucky, have the whole story of his escape and will verify his statement.

Pocahontas county paid bounty on 31 wildcats killed last year. It amounted to \$92.50 at \$1.50 for each cat. These were the real thing, too—not house cats run wild. There are probably more bear, deer and wildcats in the wilds of Pocahontas county than in any other county in the State. Back in along the Allegheny range there are many spots where the foot of man has never trod and the eye of God has never penetrated.—West Virginia News.

Indian summer and squaw winter don't mix very well.