

## BIG MEETING

AT THE SPENCER ASSEMBLY HALL BY BASE BALL ENTHUSIASTS.

Affairs in base ball circles have materially brightened up in the last few days, it being now thought that all the stock necessary to make this team a success, will be sold.

President John A. Spinney, of the Virginia Valley League, was here Monday and a big meeting was held at the Spencer Assembly Hall that night, which was largely attended by the citizens. President Ingels was made chairman of the meeting



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and John Hutchinson, Secretary. President Ingels, in a neat little speech, introduced Prosecutor B. H. Blagg who in turn introduced Mr. Spinney. Atty. Blagg's speech was received by round after round of applause, and seemed to voice the sentiment of all present. President Spinney spoke of the League's affairs in general and answered a number of questions relative to the local team. About \$200.00 more stock was sold at this meeting and we think from the enthusiasm shown, that the entire amount necessary will be forthcoming.

The car load of telephone poles that were ordered for posts for the fence, have arrived and the (16,000 feet) of fencing lumber is now on the grounds. Work on the fence was started today and will be done by local parties.



PRESIDENT CLYDE INGELS OF THE POINT PLEASANT-GALLIPOLIS TEAM.

A letter from manager Joe. Mack, this morning, says that he has signed up three more players. Manager Mack will report here some time between April 15 and 18 and the players will follow on the 20th. Mack thinks he will have the best team in the league and the experience he has had with former teams, makes it a pretty safe bet that he will have a fast bunch of ball tossers for here when "play ball" is called. Umpires Resch and Landay have signed contracts. Resch was with the Blue Grass League last year and Landay with the Cotton States League. Both are said to be good men.

At the meeting held in Charleston, last Sunday, a schedule was adopted and the league rules were accepted after being revised to suit local conditions. After the meeting a nice banquet was served at the Kanawha Hotel.

## DEAD BROKE

IS STATE METROPOLIS—WHEELING WITHOUT FUNDS.

Wheeling, April. 4.—Wheeling is broke without prospect of raising any money with which to pay the city's "hired men" for three months at least. The problem of how to keep the municipality going is one that will rack the brains of the city officials this week.

The public works fund was exhausted Saturday, when the employes of all public utility departments received their pay. The police, fire, engineering and health departments have not been paid since March 15, the general fund being exhausted at that time. The problem is the most serious one, in a financial way, that has faced the city officials for years. Formerly, when appropriations ran out, employes were paid with outstanding orders, which were redeemed as soon as funds became available. Orders to the amount of \$122,000 were taken up at the beginning of the present fiscal year, which is causing the present deficit.

Owing to the provisions of a recent State law a municipality cannot legally issue over-drafts.

What is making the situation more serious is the question of garbage collection. The men employed by the contractor, seeing no money in sight, are quitting, and a temporary suspension of the work of collecting the city's refuse may result.

## IN PITTSBURG TRADE.

Captain Green's steamer Greenland will be entered in the Pittsburg and Cincinnati trade next Saturday. The Greenland has been operating in the Charleston and Cincinnati trade for several years. Since the Virginia stranded in the Jackson county cornfield the Pittsburg and Cincinnati line has not been operating any boats in this trade which leaves a splendid opening for the Greenland which always has been a favorite. The steamer will be commanded by Capt. Jessie Hughes.

Those present were: C. W. Alexander and H. H. Henry, representing Point Pleasant; W. Wilson, from Ashland; "Si" Young and J. Hanfer, from Huntington; F. E. Smart, from Montgomery; Frank Stout, from Parkersburg; J. Benny, W. I. Campbell, Jos. Wehrle and John C. Bond, from Charleston, besides President Spinney and Secretary Dugan.

While the schedule for the League has not been officially adopted it has practically been agreed upon and will be given out to the newspapers about April 10 after a few minor changes have been made. Point Pleasant will open the season on May 5, at Parkersburg for three games after which Parkersburg will be here for three games, starting Sunday, May eight. The team will then be away from home for 12 games. Ashland will open at Huntington and Montgomery at Charleston on same date.

The following statement shows the condition of the team at this writing:

Amount of stock subscribed	\$1050.00.
Amount paid in	540.00.
Franchise cost	115.00.
Charter	15.00.
Fixing up grounds, etc.	105.00.
Bills due in near future	.....
Uniforms and bases	289.00.
One car of posts	110.00.
Lumber for fence	240.00.
Guarantee to finish season	500.00.
Labor building fence, etc.	100.00.

As will be seen that it will take in the neighborhood of \$600.00 more than has been subscribed, by the time the season opens.

The following companies have contracted for advertising space on the base ball fence; Hoster Brewing Co., \$20.00; West Virginia Brewing Co., \$20.00; Reynolds Tobacco Co., \$20.00; Kanawha Brewing Co., \$47.00; and The American Tobacco Co., \$20.00.

## EASTER BALL

AT SPENCER ASSEMBLY HALL, LAST NIGHT WAS GRAND SUCCESS.

The Easter Ball, last night at the Hotel Spencer, brought out a fine assemblage of representative society in Point Pleasant. The hall was gaily decorated with an abundance of bright bunting. The electric globes, shaded with crimson effects, shed a rosy glow upon the twenty-five or thirty couples swaying gracefully in and out through the mazes of the dance, with each rise and fall of the entrancing strains of music rendered by the Wright Saxophone Trio of Columbus, O.

Mr. Griff T. Smith was master of ceremonies, and with his usual ease, and the efficiency of much experience, carefully looked after each detail conducive to either the pleasure or comfort of the guests. The delightful feature of the evening was the inspiring dance-music furnished by the Columbus Trio, which richly merits its fame and popularity.

And thus, with songs and laughter, and music and dancing, the hours sped happily away, leaving many pleasant recollections of this charming occasion.

## BROTHER JOSIAH.

The home-talent play "Brother Josiah," witnessed by a large audience at Washington Hall at Mason City Friday night, was by odds the best amateur play ever staged on the West Virginia side of the bend. The players were all Hartford people, who kindly consented to give the play under the auspices of the ladies' aid society of the Mason M. E. church for the benefit of the building fund. Nearly seventy dollars was realized from the sale of tickets, and the ladies' aid desires to publicly thank the Hartford folk for their kindness in presenting the attraction and to compliment them on the manner in which it was rendered.

Those who participated in the play were Messrs. W. H. Newton, E. A. Smith, R. T. Embleton, Leland Shipley, Norman Wein, Harry Gibbs, C. W. Juhling and Russell Hanna, Mesdames C. W. Petty and E. A. Smith and Misses Ada Somerville, Blanche Stone, Bulah Embleton and Bertha Sayre.—Pomeroy Independent.

## SKELETONS FOUND.

Workmen excavating for the trench under the stranded steamer Virginia at Willow Grove, W. Va., last week unearthed the skeletons of six human beings at a depth of about four feet. Some of the bones were well preserved and a jaw bone containing all the teeth were in a splendid state of preservation. The question as to how they came there is a matter of much speculation among the people. Some think it an old grave yard while many are of the opinion that it was the site of a war between the red men and whites many years ago.

## DEPOT BURNED AT ST. ALBANS.

St. Albans, April 5.—Fire which totally destroyed the C. & O. freight depot here, causing a loss of over \$50,000, was discovered last night in the depot offices at 9:45 o'clock and burned until midnight.

## MT. HOPE WILL BE REBUILT.

Charleston, April 1.—No definite figures have been given out on the Mount Hope fire loss. Nearly three hundred buildings were burned and the loss is near \$350,000. Just what insurance was carried cannot be told at this time.

The buildings at Mt. Hope were frame and typical of West Virginia mining towns, though the town had a business block above the average. All of this was wiped out and only an ash heap remains.

## MRS. J. A. ELLIS

PASSES TO LIFE ETERNAL—FATALLY BURNED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.

Minta M. Ellis, wife of John A. Ellis, died at her home near Flat Rock, April 2, 1910, age 53 years and five months.

Mrs. Ellis' death was both sad and tragical. About two weeks ago while Mr. Ellis was engaged at work in the field plowing and burning brush, fire broke out and threatened surrounding property. Mrs. Ellis went to his assistance in fighting the fire, and while thus engaged her clothing became ignited and her cries soon brought her husband to her rescue, who found her enveloped in flames. While Mr. Ellis made every effort to extinguish the flames he soon saw that all was in vain and that his wife was being burned to death before his eyes, and at the gasty sight he dropped unconscious to the ground. After the last stitch of clothing was burned from her body, Mrs. Ellis unhooked the team from the plow and hitched them to the sled, then in some way, got her husband on the sled and drove home before he regained consciousness. Mrs. Ellis stated, she thought they were both going to die and she did this that they might both die at home.

Deceased was born at Downingtown, O., Nov. 2, 1856; and was united in marriage to John A. Ellis, at Downingtown, Sept. 1883. To this union were born two daughters, Dora and Bertine, who survive her.

In her girlhood she attended the district school and academy, fitting herself for a teacher; after which she was a successful teacher, teaching in Meigs and Athens counties for many years. While her facilities were somewhat limited, she was a hard student and made the best of all her opportunities. Her greatest pleasure was in reading and studying the literature of our best authors, to the time of her death. She was a woman of high ideals and a sunny disposition, and will be greatly missed from her large circle of friends.

Funeral services were conducted from her late residence Monday, April 4th, Rev. Redenour officiating. The remains were then taken to the Board cemetery for interment.

In this dire hour of sorrow the family have the sympathy of the entire community.

## OLD SOLDIER DEAD.

E. W. Cottrill, an old civil war veteran, living near Flat Rock, died Wednesday last. He was a member of company I of the 11th West Virginia Infantry, and never tired of talking over the many exciting incidents, of those days, with his old comrades. The deceased leaves besides a widow, eleven children, to mourn their loss. The surviving children are:

Mrs. Sweeney, of Warden, W. Va., Mrs. M. C. McGlaughlin, Elm Grove, Mrs. John Cox, Wheeling, Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Montgomery, Mrs. Orn Pullin and Mrs. John Rice, Flat Rock, Mrs. A. C. Buard, Woodenville, Wash., Rev. Anderson Cottrill, of Montana, Mr. Caleb Cottrill, of Woodenville, Wash., Will and George Cottrill at home.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Andy Riffle at the Morgan church, Saturday April 2. He was laid to rest in the Morgan graveyard near his home. He made a confession a few days before he died that he was ready to go and preferred death to so much suffering.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report: Chas. F. Engles and Nancy Jane Fisher. Lothi Payne and Bessie Watson. L. E. Wolfe and Ina Rollins. James Pike and Jessie Blake.

Mr. George Hooff was a business visitor at Huntington, yesterday.

## BACK TO THE FARM

MOVEMENT STARTED—RALLY TO BE HELD AT CLARKSBURG.

In Clarksburg, about the middle of May—the exact time not having been announced—a meeting will be held, the first one of the kind in West Virginia, by those advocating the back to the farm movement, as introduced by Gov. W. E. Glasscock and State School Superintendent M. P. Shawkey.

A meeting of the committee delegated by the governor was held at Charleston Saturday, at which were present all the members.

Informal discussions were had looking toward plans tending to bring back to the farms the attention they demand in West Virginia and it was determined to ask the co-operation of all the boards of trade and the chambers of commerce in the state in bringing about the results desired.

Governor Glasscock indicates that he believes the high cost of living, about which there is so much being said now, is due in great part to the fact that many have left the farm who would have been better off had they remained where they started and devoted themselves to the work of agriculture.

The Clarksburg meeting will be called a sort of start rally and it will be followed by meetings in the several congressional districts throughout the state.

## VIRGINIA CANNOT BE LAUNCHED.

The repairs on the stranded Virginia have been completed by the Kanawha Dock Co., of this city, who had the contract, but it is probable that the big boat will remain in the corn field for a long time to come. A telegram says:

The idea of launching the big packet has been abandoned so we are informed as the farmers in that locality have refused to allow the bank to be graded off or cut away as they fear the course of the river would be changed and a large tract of bottom land be lost. The Virginia, which is in charge of Capt. Charles W. Knox, will remain where she is until a rise floats her which may be this summer and may not be for a year."

## COBURN'S BIG MINSTRELS.

Davis Brothers Musical Comedians and Instrumentalists are one of the strong features with Coburn's Greater Minstrels this season. They are musicians of a very high order, and present, many novelties in their specialty which are new to the usual run of musical acts. George Davis the comedian is the funmaker and his droll humor and ridiculous capers keep the audience in an uproar while his instrumental work is of the very best quality. They were for two seasons a feature with the Hi Henry Minstrels and are an acquisition to Manager Coburn and his big show. Don't forget the date Wednesday, April 6, at the Hooff's Opera House.

## DASHNER GONE TO DECATUR.

Lee (Dike) Dashner, left yesterday for Decatur, Illinois, where he will take up the preliminary practice, preparatory to opening the season with the Decatur base ball team. Dashner played phenomenal ball here last season and will no doubt, make good on his new job. His many friends, while wishing him unlimited success, regret to see him leave.

## GARBAGE CANS.

A number of garbage cans, to be used as receptacles for waste paper and other refuse, have been placed at different points throughout the city by the Council. Everyone should use them for the purpose for which they are intended and instead of throwing waste paper on the streets, deposit it in the cans.

## HOCKING VALLEY

STOCKHOLDERS MAKE VIGOROUS ATTACKS AGAINST TRANSFER.

Columbus, Ohio, April 3.—Backed by minority stockholders and other interests, a demand was to-day made upon Attorney-General Grant Denman that he proceed in quo warranto against the newly created conditions in the Hocking Valley Railway situation. The state's legal counsel is requested to file a suit to oust the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, the Toledo and Ohio Central, the Zanesville and Western, the Kanawha and Michigan and the Hocking Valley from the unlawful exercise of the franchise which they propose to use to carry out the recently formulated plans of the big Eastern interests.

In the papers filed with the Attorney-General it is set up that for years a majority of the stock of the Hocking Valley has been unlawfully owned by the so-called trunk line syndicate, composed of the B. and O., the Lake Shore, P., C., C. and St. L., the C. and O. and the Erie. The Hocking Valley, it is asserted, has unlawfully held a controlling interest in the Toledo and Ohio Central and the Kanawha and Michigan. This ownership has been through the control of the Middle States Construction Company, a holding concern, organized for the purpose of evading the laws of the state which prevent consolidation of paralleling lines. The Zanesville and Western, it is alleged, is controlled in turn by the Toledo and Ohio Central.

As for the Lake Shore, the complainants show their teeth in a fashion that bodes trouble. This concern is charged with owning, operating and maintaining the competing Nickel Plate Railway. It is further charged that it owns a majority of the stock of the Big Four and the Pittsburg and Lake Erie, which lines are operated in competition with the T. and O. C., the Zanesville and Western and the K. and M.

It is charged that in order to evade judgments and decrees recently entered in the Circuit Court the Hocking Valley and the trunk line syndicate roads are about to surrender the capital stock of the T. and O. C., of the Z. and W., and part of the K. and M. to the Lake Shore, and the capital stock of the Hocking Valley, owned by the syndicate, and a part of the K. and M. stock to the Chesapeake and Ohio. The complaint is set up that if this deal is permitted to be carried out it will result in the continuation of the unlawful combination heretofore existing, with the exception that it will be stronger than the old arrangement just broken up. Another complaint is that the Hocking Valley Company, although an Ohio corporation, has refused and continues to refuse to obey the law and keep its books and records in the state as required. Because of this fact stockholders have been denied access to the same, though application has been made in Court to protect their rights.

## MARRIAGE KEPT SECRET.

Miss Gipsey B. Hall, of Point Pleasant, and Mr. George W. Hall, of Los Angeles, California, were quietly married Tuesday, March 15, 1910, at the M. E. Parsonage, Gallipolis, the Rev. Arthur P. Cherrington, officiating. They returned to the brides home, "Violet Lawn," no one being the wiser, until a few days after Mr. Hall had left for Florida. Mrs. Hall join him in a few weeks, where they will make their future home. We wish them a long, happy and prosperous life in their home, "The Land of Flowers."

## MASON MAN DEAD.

Thomas Duffy, an aged resident of Mason City, died at his home there Sunday morning at ten o'clock as the result of the infirmities incident to old age. He was eighty-odd years old, a Catholic and a good man. He leaves no immediate relatives.