

PARKERSBURG.

Outrages by Red Men—A Greenback Camp Meeting.

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Your readers are aware that in various sections of our State there exist organizations called the "Red Men," who deem it their duty to take the law in their own hands and punish alleged offenders in their own peculiar manner, often administering justice (?) to innocent persons. Our neighboring county of Wirt has been several times disgraced by these lawless proceedings, the last one occurring last Monday night near Elizabeth. Two men named Mathers, one of whom had been charged with abusing his wife, and the other of occasionally visiting his neighbors' chicken roosts, were taken from their beds about midnight and dragged some distance to a tree, where they were tied up and most brutally whipped with hickory switches, and then turned loose, covered with blood, and allowed to return to their terror-stricken families. Although the parties were disfigured, some of them were recognized by their victims, and two of them have been arrested and had a hearing before a Justice of the Peace and the evidence was considered sufficient to bind them over to await the action of the next Grand Jury. One of the parties concerned in this lawless act is said to be a well known citizen of Wirt county. Circumstances point him out as one of the guilty parties, and his present efforts to evade arrest have impressed many that he is guilty, but it is to be hoped that he may prove himself innocent of the charges against him. Something ought to be done to stop these disgraceful occurrences, and we learn that the victims of this last outrage intend to use every means in their power to make an example of those concerned, and have the full penalty of the law enforced.

The Greenback camp meeting, in progress during the last three days, has not been as largely attended as was expected, but the exercises have been quite interesting, and much has been done to advance the interests of the Greenback party throughout the State. They aim to effect a thorough organization, and by the time of the next State campaign hope to elect at least a part of the State ticket and Legislature. Several eminent speakers were present, among them General Weaver, of Iowa. Col. W. T. Senseny, Dr. Devol, Col. Trancewell and Major Geo. L. Spence are earnest workers in the cause, and deserve great credit for their efforts to render the occasion a pleasant one to all participants.