

my porch, it was the evening "Clipper," called the "Clipper Extra." The news in that paper turn the tables on us. Mr. Longnecker read the news to us all, there was six (6) or eight (8,) may be ten (10) persons on the porch.

Question. Who was there?

Answer. Mr. Payne, Longnecker, I think Mr. Church and Mr. Sheridan, there were others I know, but I don't recollect them.

Question. Do you know a man named William Thompson?

Answer. I know him well. I don't recollect whether he was there.

Question. Well, what occurred?

Answer. When the news was read by Longnecker, that was about all, the parties did not stop there long.

Question. Was there any rejoicing over the defeat of the Federal army at Bull Run?

Answer. I did not hear any. I think it was the other way by all that was there, I notice that particularly, some parties were there I might have expected something, but I did not hear it.

Question. Was Mr. Grason there?

Answer. He was not there; I am pretty sure of it.

Question. Do you know of Mr. Grason having to leave town a few days prior to the battle of Bull Run?

Answer. I have no recollection of it now; I might have at the time.

Question. Do you recollect his returning to town after the battle of Bull Run from his home on the Eastern Shore?

Answer. I do not think I do; I recollect during that season, Mr. Grason was away several times.

Question. He was not on your porch that day, was he?

Answer. No, I am sure he was not there.

*By the Committee.*

Question by the Committee. Did you say that you were not present when the flag went up?

Answer. I was in sight, about forty (40) yards off; I was between the flag raising and Mr. Ady's Hotel, nearer the Hotel than the flag pole.

Question. Do you recollect the time when there were some scouts come into Towsontown, on a Sunday evening last summer?

Answer. Yes.

Question. How many were there?

Answer. Five (5) in all; three (3) came in first, and two (2) afterwards.

Question. State all that occurred on that occasion; did you see Mr. Grason?