

A HISTORIC TREE

Cut Down at Hoggs' Run by Terminal
Railway Workmen.

The giant sycamore which stood in the bottom, below the mouth of Hoggs' Run, was felled yesterday morning by men who are working on the extension of the Terminal tracks to Benwood. One of the men, Dan Crummie, noticed a crevice in the tree, and, his curiosity aroused, applied a match to the hole. There was an explosion immediately, and a flame leaped three feet in the air, burning Crummie's eyebrows and scorching his face. It was also discovered that there was a hive of bees in the hollow of the tree, which swarmed about the workmen when they were disturbed.

The sycamore was about 80 feet in height, and five feet in diameter. It was sawed off about three feet above its base. The explosion was probably caused by an accumulation of gas in the hole.

There is an interesting story in connection with the big tree, which is familiar to everybody living in that locality. If there is any foundation for the story it could not be learned, but there have been credulous people in the past who have wasted their time and energy, in hunting for a hidden treasure, which rumor somehow connects with the old sycamore. The story goes, that a bank robber, while confined in the Moundsville penitentiary stated that he buried or hid \$17,000 near the base of the tree.