

BOAT LAUNCHED

GREAT EVENT IN HISTORY OF CLINTON COUNTY.

The "Cognac" Was Sent Afloat On Monday Afternoon With Befitting Ceremonies.

There was a time in the history of this country when the launching of great boats took place in the harbors of seaport towns. As the country "grew up" such events became frequent along the lake fronts and on navigable rivers, but not until this week was it demonstrated that a boat, a large boat, could be launched in a creek.

That such a thing was done, and done in a style well befitting the occasion can be attested by over one hundred friends of Dr. H. Palmer, captain of the new craft.

On Monday afternoon a large number of automobiles and carriages loaded with men hurried to the wharf near Merle Beach to witness the christening and launching of the dredge "Cognac," or "Ko-ni-ak" if the reader prefers the phonetic spelling.

After the whistle had blown a long, happy blast, the guests were invited aboard where, after all had assembled, Mr. Galusha Pennell was called upon to make the christening address. Although not familiar with making speeches of this nature, the gentleman was in no way abashed, and in words well chosen commended the work of the "captain," and in breaking a bottle of cognac he christened the ship with the name of that exhilarating French drink and added that the craft might yet do duty on the Panama canal.

At the close of the ceremonies the guests were given a trip half an hour in length when a call to "high ground" was given to which every man present responded. Refreshments that were refreshing were served and cigars passed, after which the first witnesses of a launching in Clinton county returned to their homes.