

GOT IT IN THE NECK

MERCHANT C. J. CROONQUIST OF KENSAL WAS SHOT IN THE NECK SATURDAY EVENING BY ONE OF THE NUMEROUS HOBOES WHO MAKE THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS AT THAT TOWN.

The town of Kensal was thrown into a great state of excitement on Saturday evening when it was learned that C. J. Croonquist had been shot by one of the hoboes who have been making Kensal their base of operations during the fall. From the details we have been able to get of the affair it appears that during the evening one of Mr. Croonquist's sons and a neighbor boy went after the cows in the outskirts of the town and while bringing them home they were held up and robbed of six or seven dollars in money and some other property. Mr. Croonquist's boy reported the affair to his father who immediately got the marshal of the town to go with him to locate the hold-up artists and arrest them if possible. They were in the neighborhood of the railroad coal sheds in their search when Mr. Croonquist was shot as he stepped around the corner of one of the coal sheds. The bullet entered his neck but missed the juglar vein and came out of the back. A posse started in pursuit of the hold-up and after a hot chase they succeeded in capturing several men and it is thought that the guilty party is among the number. Several parties were also robbed during the evening and it was not safe to venture out for a time. It is said that there were about a dozen parties who became victims of the artists and various sums were extracted from them, four of them only contributing 37 cents.

Sheriff Eddy and States Attorney Baldwin spent a couple of days at Kensal the first of the week and as a result three men now languish in the county jail under bonds to appear at the next term of the district court. They are "Kentucky Slim" or Harry Howard, bound over for shooting Mr. Croonquist and another man connected with the same affair, and Hugh Murray who is held under \$1,000 bonds for the burglary of the H. N. Tucker Co's. hardware store.

Mr. Croonquist was able to go to the depot to see his assailant off and wish him a safe journey to the county jail. His wound is healing rapidly and will soon be healed up unless complications should set in.