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WOMAN STABBED BY COMPANIONS IN MELEE AT CAMP NEAR THIS CITY

Man and Wife Held for Assault During Row on Jewett Lane.

CAUSE OF STRANGE FIGHT IS UNKNOWN

Mrs. Lillian Harrison Lies in Critical Condition at County Hospital.

Mrs. Lillian Harrison, aged 35 years, is lying in a critical condition at the county hospital with a severe knife wound in the abdomen, and her husband, Edgar Harrison, and two companions, Mrs. Nora Lacey and H. Lacey, are confined in the county jail as the result of a fight which occurred in their camp on Jewett lane about three miles from this city late yesterday afternoon.

Little is known by the authorities about the circumstances which led up to the fight. A call was turned into the sheriff's office by neighbors who heard the screams of the women at the camp. All of the participants in the fracas are said to have been too drunk when they were arrested to tell a plausible story about the happenings.

Woman's Lung Punctured.

Both Mrs. Harrison and her husband were seriously inujred in the fight. The physician who is attending the former reported this morning after a thorough examination had been made that the knife had punctured the woman's left lung, and that the wound is a very dangerous one.

Harrison was badly cut about the arms and face. While his injuries are of a very painful nature they could not prove fatal.

Lacey Couple Charged.

Mrs. Lacey, who gave her age as 42 years, and her husband, who is two years her senior, have each been charged with committing an assault with a deadly weapon. They will probably be arraigned this evening before Justice of the Peace C. M. Vrooman, who is presiding over Judge Marion's court during his absence.

Deputy Sheriffs Yancey and Ratliff made the arrests in the case, and took the injured woman to the hospital.