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CHESTERTOWN, MD.,.....APRIL 30, 1892.

UNASSESSED PROPERTY.—The following gentlemen have been appointed to assess all unassessed property in Kent county namely—First District—Benj. E. Vansant.
Second—Serech Shallcross.
Third—Thomas J. Parsons.
Fourth—W. T. Maslin.
Fifth—Walter Francis.

Circuit Court.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22.

Court convened with Judge Wickes on the bench. The case of McWhorter and Stevens against Edgar Price, continued from Thursday, consumed the entire morning, and was given to the jury at noon, which, after being out all night returned a verdict for McWhorter.

The case of R. J. Baker & Co. against the bonds of Samuel Comegys was next called, the suit was instituted by Baker & Co., to recover money claimed to have been wrongfully paid by the Sheriff to W. H. Cacy.

The grand jury made the following report and was discharged:

GRAND JURY ROOM, April term, 1892.

TO THE HONORABLE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND: The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland, for the body of Kent county, beg to present, that their foreman, respectfully, to report to the Honorable Judges of said court, that they have been in session five days; during that time have examined fifty-three witnesses and seven constables, and have made presentments and found true bills in the following cases, namely:

State versus Romie or Romain Wickes, for committing rape upon Emma Reed, col.; State vs. same, for burglariously entering the house of Emma Reed, col.; State vs. James Thompson, col., for resisting officers; State vs. Thomas Taylor and James H. Jones, col., for assault with intent to kill John Lindsey, col.; State vs. Theodore Diehl for assault upon J. Jewett Howard; State vs. Charles Matthews, col. for assault with intent to kill George Freeman, col., and with carrying concealed weapon; State vs. Charles Duckery, col. for carrying concealed weapon; State vs. John Randall, col. for receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen; State vs. Chas. A. Jones, col. for larceny of watch, etc.; State vs. Charles Hopkins, col. for larceny of bank bill. A number of cases were dismissed for want of evidence. They further respectfully report that they were delayed in their proceedings because of non-attendance of witnesses, recognized by justices of the peace, when wanted. They visited the jail and premises in a body, found the prisoners comfortably provided for heard no complaints from any of them as to the fare provided for them or their treatment by the sheriff or deputy, and as to the prisoners Moses Singer and Anna E. Belle Anderson, col., the jury has heretofore recommended the release of the former and an inquiry into the mental condition of the latter, and found the jail in a fair sanitary condition. They would also respectfully call the attention of the Hon. Court that parties in the county appear to be dealing in fertilizers, agricultural implements and other wares who appear not to have taken out license for sale of same and no sufficient evidence has been produced before them to justify presentment. Also that numbers of peddlers and owners of stallions are violating the license law.

WILLIAM B. USILTON, Foreman.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23.

Court convened with Judge Wickes on the bench. The case of R. J. Baker & Co. against ex-Sheriff Comegys continued from Friday, taken up. A somewhat sensational feature was introduced into the case by the refusal of W. E. Hubbard to testify. Mr. Hubbard is a Seventh Day Adventist, and refused to testify on his Sabbath. No amount of persuasion or threats could induce him to break his silence, and in consequence Judge Wickes sent him to jail for contempt of Court. He was released, however, on Monday. Verdict for Baker & Co. in $195. Trial before the court.

National Bank of Smyrna against Thos. J. and Mary A. Burris, *non prossed.*

MONDAY, APRIL 25.

Court convened with Judge Wickes on the bench. The case of the State against Romie Wickes, colored, indicted for rape upon Emma Reed, colored, on the night of November 10, 1891. This was the most important case of the present term, and the crime was one of the most brutal assaults of the kind ever reported in this county. On the night of November 10, 1891, the negro man rapped at Emma Reed's locked door and asked admittance, stating that he had a message from her brother. Upon a refusal of the woman to to admit him, he burst the lock off the door. The woman ran out past him, when he caught her, and after beating her unmercifully over the head, completely closing both eyes, and choking her tongue out, he accomplished his purpose, and left her in an unconscious condition. She succeeded in reaching the home of Mr. Taylor, who lived near, where she was ill for several weeks. The case was remarkable for its cool brutality. A court trial was had. Slay for State, Vickers for Wickes.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26.

Court opened with Judge Wickes on the bench. The case of the State against J. H. Jones and Thomas Taylor for shooting with intent to kill John Lindsay. Lindsay was severely shot, but recovered. Jury trial; W. M. Slay for State, Lewin W. Wickes for Jones and Taylor. Verdict, guilty.

A night session was held, and case of State against Hattie Robinson, colored, of Georgetown, charged with selling goods on Sunday called. Trial before the court; Slay for State, Hynson for Robinson. Guilty, fined $20 and costs.

James Thompson, indicted for resisting officers. Guilty; sentenced to six months in House of Correction, and to pay $1.00 and costs. Slay for State, Urie for Thompson.

State against Alfred Wright, for assault upon Noah Butler. Trial before the court; plea guilty; sentenced to one month in jail, and to pay $1.00 and costs. Hynson for defence.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.

Court convened with His Honor Judge Wickes on the bench. Judge Stump was on the bench part of the day, but was quite unwell.

State vs. Chas. A. Jones, for larceny. Tried before the court. Slay for State; Hynson for defence. Verdict, not guilty.

State vs. John Randall, for receiving stolen goods, claimed as the property of Jos. J., John W. and David B. Kendall. Before the court. Slay for State; Urie for defence. Not guilty.

Wm. H. Wells and Wm. Wells, citizens of Great Britain, were naturalized.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28.

Judge Wickes imposed sentence upon convicted prisoners—referred to elsewhere in the NEWS, and the court adjourned to second Monday in July.

County Commissioners.

The board of county commissioners met on Tuesday, with all members present. Henry Parr, justice of the peace, returned inquisitions held upon the bodies of John Wesley Gibbs and Anthony Potts, colored, respectively; verdict, drowned in Sassafras river, which were accepted by the board, and costs ordered to be provided for by levy. Isaac Gale, justice of the peace, returned inquisition held upon the body of James E. Clark, at Sandy Bottom; verdict, cause of death not known to the jury. Wilson Copps', of third district, application and recommendation for keeper of standards of weights and measures, was considered, and he was appointed by order of board. The tax-payers' petition to widen the lower Quaker Neck road from School-house No. 1 to gate of the Comegy's farm, was presented, and John Briscoe, J. W. Loud and W. T. Maslin appointed examiners on said road. W. B. Usilton, county treasurer, presented his official report for March, which was accepted and filed for reference, by order of the board. Order was passed continuing Maria E. Lambert's pension for 1892. Resolution was passed requesting His Excellency, Gov. Frank Brown, to offer a suitable reward for the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators of the murder of Dr. James H. Hill on the 23d inst. Board further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy and noting transfers and abatements.

REVOLTING CRIME!

DR. J. H. HILL

OF MILLINGTON,

Murdered in Cold Blood!

ON THE HIGHWAY!

Full Particulars of the Terrible Affair

Murderers Arrested!

Sent to Baltimore to Save them from Lynching!

The Cosden murder in 1851 stirred Kent county from end to end, and when the startling report of the crime perpetrated on a leading citizen of Millington was heard the same feelings were revived and our citizens were aroused all over the county. Dr. J. Heighe Hill, a young physician, who by five years' practice had endeared himself to the community, was the victim of the murderers' hand, by terrible blows of some kind. His home, which had recently been brightened by the birth of a little daughter and by the very recent recovery of his wife from a critical illness, is now sad and gloomy indeed! If an earthquake had occurred on Saturday night the people could not have been more startled when they heard of this horrible affair. It is one of the most appalling crimes that has ever occurred on this Peninsula, and if the lips now closed in death could speak to us no doubt the foulest of murders would be revealed.

A NEWS reporter visited the scene of the crime this week and in the following lines a true story of the affair will be obtained.

DR. HILL SUMMONED.

After supper on Saturday evening the doctor sat down and read to his wife until it was time for her to retire and then, after tucking her snugly in bed, he left for his apothecary shop, about two hundred yards away, telling her he would be back shortly. On his way to his shop he incidentally stopped in Justice W. M. Johnson's office, opposite his home, and there was made chairman of a Cleveland club being organized. Soon after accepting the chairmanship his drug clerk came for him and told him he was wanted at Mr. James Shaw's to attend his child who was very much worse. Mr. Shaw's home is about two and a half miles from Millington and about one mile from Masseys. Dr. Hill immediately left the club-room, went to his stable and harnessed his horse to a light two wheel vehicle, commonly known as a dog cart. Knowing the short ride he had to take he did not get his overcoat nor did he inform his wife of where he was going. It was a few moments after ten when he left the club and this was the last seen of him alive. He did not reach Mr. Shaw's, who states that he was expecting him every minute.

FOUND BY HIS WIFE.

The doctor was accustomed to keep his drug store open until 12 o'clock Saturday nights and for this reason his wife did not feel concerned for his whereabouts. But after twelve she became anxious and worried considerably at his non-arrival. As the hours dragged slowly by her anxiety became greater and at 4 o'clock her ear caught the welcome sound of the carriage wheel, but, alas! how soon was that joy to be turned into sadness. After waiting sufficiently long for her husband to have stabled his horse and still he did not return she dressed herself and went down to the yard. There a ghastly sight met her vision! The faithful horse attached to the dog cart was standing at the yard gate as quiet as if nothing had occurred. The dawn of the Sabbath day was just beginning to throw its light upon the scene and there in the early morn she saw her husband lying across the foot of the dog cart insensible, bruised and bleeding and head wedged under the shaft. A groan escaped her husband's lips and although she had but recently recovered from a severe illness she rallied sufficient strength to arouse her neighbor, Mr. John P. Ahern, and Justice Johnson, who lives opposite.

Mr. Ahern and Justice Johnson immediately set to work trying to extricate the doctor and it required all their strength to do it. They state that it was impossible to have thrown him from that cart by any manner as he was actually wedged there. His forehead rested upon the iron shaft support while he lay partly upon his stomach with one foot caught up by the other iron shaft support and his right foot reached clear out to the wheel of the wagon. We examined the cart and the paint on every spoke of the wheel struck by the doctor's foot was worn off and it had even worn into the hickory wood. One spot of blood could be detected on the shaft near the singletree, and hair could be plainly seen on the shaft; the iron support of the seat was well covered with blood. The wounded man was quickly removed to the house and three doctors summonded—Drs. Todd, Kelley and Latimer. Dr. A. R. Todd, of Millington, was the first to arrive and upon examination reported a cut in the throat on the right side an inch and a half long and going through to the tongue, which he then thought was no doubt made with a knife. There were also several abrasions of the skin near the cut, and the whole upper part of the right side of his face was swollen out fully an inch, they believing that he had received a blow of some kind over his right temple. His right foot was bare and had been knocking against the spokes of the wheel until the whole heel-bone had been worn away! The doctors worked faithfully over their comrade but their efforts were unavailing and he never regained consciousness, expiring at 3:30 Sunday afternoon.

THE TOWN AROUSED.

Before many had partaken of their morning meals searching parties were formed and the country over which the deceased is supposed to have travelled was followed. Among those who went over the road were Mr. Henry S. Cook, Mr. W. H. Ford and hundreds of others. They stated that about one mile from Millington towards Massey's is a hill known as Ford's Hill, which slopes into a "bottom" or valley and over a stream here is a small bridge. On one side of the road is a house occupied by a colored family named Cooper at which an oyster treat is said to have been given on Saturday night. Some think that here is where the fatal blow was dealt Dr. Hill as some indications of a scrimage were here detected. Further up the road about a mile and a half from the town is Price's corner and the "pear tree" at which some others say they could see signs of a struggle. Near this point the doctor's hat was found, further on his cuff and a little further the heel of his shoe and still further on his shoe. The first signs of blood was at Mr. E. Comegys' and from that point blood can be tracked across the railroad track to Mr. A. F. Huey's house at Masseys, and then, turning around the large warehouse of Mr. Huey's, is followed by the same road to Millington. Near the warehouse were found two large pools of blood, and here it is supposed the horse must have stood for several hours as most doctor's horses are accustomed to doing.

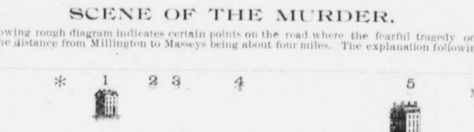
Very little services were held in the churches during the day and groups of men stood here and there discussing the awful crime. Crowds of country people flocked to the town and remained there all day.

THE MURDERED DR. J. H. HILL.

An excellent likeness from a photograph, by "Our Special Artist."

SCENE OF THE MURDER.

The following rough diagram indicates certain points on the road where the fearful tragedy occurred—The distance from Millington to Masseys being about four miles. The explanation following:



* The hill where the murder was committed. 1. Colored man Cooper's house, where there appeared some disturbance in the road and where a crowd of colored men were. 2. Price's lane, where the hat was found. 3. Where Walter Roe was passed by the Doctor lying in dog-cart, and where the hat and cuff and shoe were found, about 100 yards apart, between Rolph's wheat field and Hurlock's peach orchard. 4. First blood seen in the road. 5. D. J. Shaw's residence, where the Doctor was summoned to see the sick child.

THE JURY OF INQUEST.

Coroner R. K. Pippin, of Chestertown, was summoned and a jury of inquest composed of the following were impaneled: Foremen, Chas. P. Loper; Henry S. Cook, Enoch J. Moffett, Benj. P. Morgan, Wm. Comegys, Wm. H. Ford, Fred. G. Usilton, Joseph A. Edwards, Wm. F. Russell, Wm. O. Dugan, Charles L. Gill, John C. Moore, Amos B. Kelley, W. F. Collins, B. F. Vansant, John McWhorter. The hearing was held in Justice Johnson's office and consumed all of Monday and Thursday.

James Hall was the first witness and testified to having heard the colored barber, Moses Hughes, say "it seems as though as things have been going on, it gives people license to do these things." It was inferred that he spoke of the killing of Campbell last Christmas.

Stephen Cooper, col., lives in the house in the "bottom" near the bridge. He stated that he went out of town between 8 and 9 o'clock and saw no one on the road. "I was in the back room shucking oysters until very late; no one stopped in except Mr. Hendrickson's cook, and his colored man. We did not sell any oysters, nor did I hear any noise of any kind on the road. My wife was frightened when Mr. Johnson came to our house Sunday morning. Cooper's wife said "I went to bed about ten or eleven o'clock and no one but Mr. H.'s cook and farm hand stopped in. We did not have any oyster treat, although we had some oysters for ourselves. I did not hear any noise on the road nor any dancing on the bridge. I was not frightened much.

Fletcher Williams, a burly negro living with Mr. Chas. Rolph, said "I was in town until ten or eleven o'clock and started for home with Mose Brown, Perry Bradshaw, Henry Hurtt, Joshua Braynard, Fritz Comegys, Charles Emory and Charles Brooks. I saw a crowd of little boys on the bridge dancing unknown to me. Brooks went in Cooper's house but did not stay long. Comegys and Emory also stopped in here and went on to Hendrickson's where they spent the night. The first team passed us was near Cooper's house, a dearborn, followed by three or four carriages. A colored boy, Walter Roe, went out of town ahead of us on horse in a slow trot. I found a hat between Rolph's wheat field and Hurlock's peach orchard on the right hand side of the road going out. Four men with me at the time and we thought it was Mr. Coleman's. Charley Brooks found a cuff up the road on same side of road 100 yards away from the hat. Joshua Baynard and I turned in the gate and went partly up the lane. Perry Bradshaw and Henry Hurtt hollored to us that they had found a boy's shoe. No teams passed us between Mr. Ford's and Mr. Hendrickson's.

Joshua Baynard lives with Chas. Rolph and says he started from town with Williams and others between ten and eleven. "We were on this side of Cooper's when three carriages and one cart with two men in it passed us. Fletcher found the hat, Brooks the cuff. Fletcher Williams, Moses Brown and Perry Bradshaw stopped on the bridge and made considerable noise dancing. Seemed to be quite lively. Williams, Brooks, Emory and Comegys all stopped in Cooper's. I went on and was soon overtaken by Williams and Brooks. Walter Roe on horseback passed us near edge of town. Perry Bradshaw did not call to us about the shoe, and was not told of the finding until next morning.

Moses Brown lives with Mr. Ford and was in the crowd that left town at 10 or 11 o'clock. Was passed by three teams first, then came road cart with one man in it, sorrel horse. The latter passed us near Mr. Charles Cacy's. No other carriages. Walter Roe passed us at sycamore tree ahead of the cart. Thought the cart would soon overtake the boy at the rate they were traveling.

Perry Bradshaw lives with Mr. T. B. Merritt. The Spear boys passed us at sycamore in a buggy. I called to Williams that I had found a shoe. Williams said bring it to me. Several carriages passed us beyond Ford's gate.

Walter Roe, aged about 16, lives with Mr. Bert Gilpin on the S. J. Johnson farm. I left Millington after ten on horseback, and passed a crowd of darkeys near the town. Didn't know all of them. Passed a milk wagon near Mr. Hendrickson's gate and was not overtaken by any carriages. A road cart passed me this side of Mr. Rolph's gate, sorrel horse, near Price's corner, going at a good gait. Saw a man lying in foot of cart with arm dangling below. I thought it was a drunken man. Heard no noise; arm very close to ground. While putting my horse in stable I heard several carriages pass. I passed the milk wagon near Price's corner. Had black horse with white face; curtains down.

John Rees, white, about 18, lives with Mr. Jas. Shaw. Came to town horseback about 7 o'clock. Left word at Hill's drug store to call at Mr. Shaw's to see his sick child. Returned home at 11. Didn't know whether the doctor got message or not. He never reached Mr. Shaw's.

Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs, of Kennedyville, examined the wounds and in his opinion death resulted from concussion of the brain caused by a blow received in some way on his head. Found wound on throat one-half inch deep and one and a half inches long; thought this wound trifling in its results and could not have died therefrom. Both cut and blow was *possible* to have been received by falling in some manner in dog cart. The head wound could not have resulted from anything but a very heavy blow or fall and the fall must have necessarily been from a standing position. The cut may possibly have resulted from striking jaw-bone against something.

This testimony was corroborated by Dr. J. W. Latimer, of Galena. Dr. A. R. Todd, of Millington, testified that when he first saw the cut he stated that it must have been a stab or wound made by sharp instrument, but upon re-examination coincided with Drs. Jacobs and Latimer.

Philip Manda lives with Wm. J. Harlock and when put upon the stand denied saying anything to Mr. H., about any bricks, or of knowing anything of the affair.

Mr. Hurlock testified that Manda said that Friz. Comegys, one of the crowd who left Millington at 10 o'clock, told him that Brooks picked up bats and Williams ran out of his coat. Friz told Manda this while in the stable Sunday morning. Friz Comegys got up and left home about 4 A. M., and returned at 9 after his pistol saying he wanted to trade it off.

P. Mander was recalled to the stand and stated that Comegys did tell him about the bats and that Brooks picked up bats and Williams ran out of his coat.

Friz Comegys stated that he was with the crowd that left town about ten o'clock. Along by Cooper's house he saw one man with a stone in his hand and saw Williams draw his coat just as a big wagon with 3 men passed. Don't know why he had the bricks. I left them at Cooper's and went on up to A. Hendrickson's to stay all night. The stone was size of a duck egg.

Chas. Brooks, alias "Buck," a very bad looking darkey, was with the crowd when Williams found a hat. Further on I picked up a cuff, put the button in my pocket, and put the cuff in my room. Saw one dog cart, don't know who was in it.

Fletcher Williams, Friz Comegys and Philip Manda were brought to Chestertown jail by Coroner Pippin, Wm. O. Dugan, officer Kelley and W. R. Pippin on Monday night and placed in jail to await further developments.

Thursday's Inquest.

Coroner Pippin re-convened the inquest at Millington Thursday morning. H. W. Vickers Esq., was present in behalf of the State and conducted the examination before the jury. In the testimony given Monday the crime was narrowed down within a compass of one mile, and that a crowd of colored men mentioned above were the only men on this piece of road. It was also very clearly brought out that Dr. Hill had to pass the milk wagon spoken of by Walter Roe and the following testimony will throw much light on the crime:

Howard Simpson, a colored boy working with Mr. Wm. H. Cacy near Masseys, says on Monday morning while at the creamery Henry Hurtt drove up and seemed very much scared, so much so that he asked him what he was scared at. Henry replied, "If you had seen what I have you would be scared too." He also said he was with "Buck" Brooks, Joshua Baynard, Frizby Comegys, Fletcher Williams, and Charles Emory when he saw what he did.

John Harrison and Henry Hynson both passed along the Masseys road in a milk wagon Saturday night. "We left Millington about 10 o'clock for our home at Mr. John Cochran's driving a blackish horse with white face. When near the bridge Walter Roe passed us on horseback near the bridge. He afterwards stopped and waited for us and we rode along together without meeting anyone or being overtaken by anyone. When near Price's lane we heard a wagon coming making a big clatter and it was not long before it passed us. We could see a man lying in the bottom of the cart and thought it must be a drunken man. The horse was either running or trotting very fast. Walter Roe left us at Mr. Gilpin's and we continued home without seeing anyone."

Walter Roe was again called and repeated his testimony of Monday: Passed the crowd near town, four of whom he knew; overtook milk wagon near the bridge and after waiting for it rode behind awhile and repassed it at Price's lane and had not ridden far before a sorrel horse to a dog cart came past me at a good gait. I could plainly see a man lying in the foot and could hear a noise as if something was striking the wheel.

Joshua Baynard was one of the crowd and was very much frightened when he came before the jury. He said yes, sir, to nearly every question and was not certain on any point except that he left town Saturday night with the boys.

After this testimony the outsiders crowded the windows so that it was thought best to adjourn the jury subject to the call of the coroner or State's Attorney. The arrest of Baynard was ordered and Officer Kelley took him in custody. He was taken to the hotel previous to coming to town and there told who did the deed. The jury was immediately called and in the hotel parlor heard the boy's testimony. Previous to this, however, George Bell, an employe of Mr. Mallalieu told a NEWS reporter that he had heard of Frizby Comegys telling Monday morning of how he held the horse while Brooks and Williams did the work. Philip Manda was seen in reference to the latter and stated that while in stable Sunday morning, Comegys told him that Brooks picked up the stone and Fletcher pulled off his coat while he held the horse. He says that this was all he asked him as he was hungry and went to his breakfast.

Joshua Baynard was placed in the wagon with Coroner Pippin, Wm. R. Pippin, W. O. Dugan, Officer Amos B. Kelley and a NEWS reporter. Baynard is about sixteen years old and lives with Mr. Chas. Rolph. He appeared to be very sorry that he had went out of town in such bad company. He told us the full story of the crime without faltering and without any persuading whatever. It was as follows:

"I left Mr. Rolph's at 7 o'clock Saturday evening and stayed in Millington until about half past ten o'clock, when, joining a crowd living on our road, started for home. In the crowd were Charles Brooks, alias Buck, Fletcher Williams, Perry Bradshaw, Charley Emory, Frizby Comegys, Henry Hurtt and Moses Brown. When near the edge of town Walter Roe passed us riding on horseback. We hallooed to him but he did not answer us. Moses Brown left us at Mr. Ford's gate. The first team that overtaken us was the two Spear boys in a dog cart, next came three carriages whose occupants I did not know, but at each of which vehicles we hallooed. The next that came was a dog cart with one man in it driving a sorrel horse. Some of the fellows said 'hold up' but he continued on, whereupon Buck Brooks ran up to the cart and struck the man with a stone, while at the same time Perry Bradshaw ran up and caught the horse. The doctor caught sight of the men running after him and cried out "Don't hurt me!" Fletch Williams during the movements of the above two men was running up with an open penknife and no sooner had the man been struck than Williams arrived and cut his throat. The three men, Bradshaw, Brooks and Williams, then got together and jammed the doctor in the foot of the cart placing both feet out of the way of the wheel. I did not know who the man was until I caught up to the cart and then I recognized it as being the doctor. As soon as the deed was accomplished, the doctor placed in the cart with his hat on his head, they chirped to the horse and he started off at a good gait. We all continued together until we reached Cooper's house, about 15 yards off, where Williams and Brooks stopped for a while, but soon came out and caught up with the balance of us. Williams and me live at Mr. Rolph's and on Saturday night Brooks stayed with us. Brooks lives with Mr. Thos. Donahoe. After we three got in bed I heard Brooks and Williams talking over the killing of the doctor and heard them chuckling over what a good job they had made of it. Sunday morning Williams told me not to tell anything about it, but I knew I hadn't anything to do with it and therefore thought I had better tell what I knew. If the three men who did the deed had any plot about it I do not know it as I did not hear them say a word of doing anything to anybody."

THE THREE SUPPOSED MURDERERS.

Charles Brooks, alias "Buck," who threw the stone, is in the jail here. He weighs 165 pounds and is about 28 years old. His normal weight is 184 pounds. He is about 5 feet 4 in. in height, copper colored, and wears his head partly shaved with a tuft of hair on top. He denies complicity in the affair.

Fletcher Williams, who did the cutting, is also in jail. He is black, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 192 pounds and is 27 years old. He says he did not cut the doctor. A knife was found in his pocket on the handle of which blood could clearly be seen.

Perry Bradshaw, who held the horse, is in jail. He is eighteen years old and weighs about 120 pounds. Besides the above three directly implicated in the deed Henry Hurtt, Frizby Comegys, Joshua Baynard and Charles Emory are also in jail and were present when the awful deed was committed. Philip Manda, who heard Friz Comegys tell of the affair, is in jail, also Mose Brown, who started out of town with the crowd and stopped in Mr. Ford's, where he lives.

Joe Potts, who is suspected of being implicated in the affair, is said by Baynard not to have been in the crowd. Brooks told the NEWS reporter that Joe Potts was in town Saturday night, but did not go out home with them.

Besides the above confession Alfred White, a colored prisoner, says that Friz Comegys told him in jail that Brooks struck the doctor with a stone and Fletcher Williams cut him. He also states that fellow-prisoners called to Comegys Thursday night and told him not to tell anything, but keep quiet.

The jury will meet in the court-house in Chestertown, Tuesday morning and render a final verdict.

The Murdered Man.

Dr. J. Heighe Hill was the son of Mr. S. J. Hill, of near Locust Grove. He graduated from the university of Pennsylvania in 1885 and has been practicing medicine and conducting an apothecary store in Millington since. He was 30 years of age and has been very successful in his profession. He married Miss Arie Bond, of Baltimore county, and leaves a wife and one child. He was the physician for the Queen Anne's and Kent railroad. As to his other qualities we would call the reader's attention to the words of his fellow townsmen uttered at the funeral.

The Funeral Services.

THE FUNERAL of Dr. Hill, took place Tuesday. Business generally was suspended as a mark of respect to the memory of the young physician. The body reposed in a walnut casket in the front room of the bereaved home on Cypress street, near the railroad. Scores of people of the surrounding county came to attend the funeral.

The arrangements were in charge of Undertaker T. M. Britton. There were several beautiful floral offerings. A floral pillow from Mrs. Hill containing the words "My Husband," and a broken column presented by Algonquin Tribe, No. 80, Improved Order of Red Men, with "Our Brother," were conspicuous among them. On the coffin were a floral lily and a floral cross.

The services were held in the M. E. Church on Cypress street near Sassafras. About 350 persons were present and the deepest sorrow was displayed. The Rev. E. E. White, pastor of the church, presided and with him on the platform were seated the Revs. R. K. Stevenson of Smyrna, E. H. Nelson of Galena, and Addison Weller of Millington.

The choir of seven, under the leadership of Henry Tonkin, of the Millington Academy, sang "Fade, Fade, Each Earthly Joy," as the opening selection. Hymn 149, a favorite of Dr. Hill's, was then sung. The first verse is as follows:

"There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea,
There is a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty."

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Nelson. He alluded to Dr. Hill's death as a curious dispensation of providence, and prayed that divine blessing might rest upon the sorrowing ones. Hymn No. 973, "Through Sorrow's Night and Danger's Path," was sung.

The Rev. E. E. White began his address by saying that he had never been so forcibly impressed by the words, "In the midst of life there is death," as in the last few days. Dr. Hill was no longer a Citizen of the town, no longer a member of the church, no longer at the head of a family. He has gone to his reward; from the church militant to the church triumphant; from his little home here to his home above.

AN ESTIMATE OF THE MAN.

"Probably no one knew more of his inner life than I. He often talked of the religion of Jesus Christ. He was always backward, shrinking from public work in the church. After the recent meetings he said: 'They've been a great help to me' and he said he would be ready to pray whenever he was wanted to. Whatever his success and failures his work is done, done for all time. Probably no death has ever brought greater sorrow to any community, and deeper sadness to the friends. Would that I could lift the darkness, how I would take the tears from your eyes. But while I cannot, I want to recommend you to my Saviour: from Him you will get comfort in all your sorrow, help in time of need, and best of all He will give you eternal life. Death will separate us for a little while here, but we shall meet beyond the river and forever. The exhortation I would like to make to you is: 'Be ye also ready.'"

Rev. R. K. Stephenson spoke briefly. He said Dr. Hill had been his friend in the most trying scenes of his life. He was present as a genuine mourner. He asked that Heaven's richest blessings might rest on the afflicted ones.

LAST VIEW OF THE DEAD.

The lid of the coffin was removed that all who desired might look upon the face of the corpse. Nearly every one in the congregation walked by the coffin and with very few exceptions all were weeping.

The relatives next looked upon the cruelly-disfigured face of Dr. Hill and the scene when Mrs. Hill was at the bier was heartrending. Supported by her husband's father, Samuel J. Hill of Locust Grove, she stood gazing into the vacant face and bowed her head over the coffin, and, amid her tears, cried her husband's name and bade him good-bye.

The choir's closing selection was "Meet Again When Life is O'er." The coffin was then removed to the hearse and the funeral procession left for the Shrewsbury cemetery near Galena, where interment was made. The pal bearers were J. P. Ahern, Henry S. Cook, and J. C. Vansant of Algonquin Tribe of Red Men, Joseph Mallalieu, R. W. Comegys and Dr. F. A. Walls.

HORSE RAFFLED.—Rev. Father Scott, of St. Peters Catholic Church, Queenstown, last week raffled his well known horse, "Dixie," for the benefit of the church. Over 500 chances were taken and Samuel Friel, son of Capt. Daniel Friel, of Queenstown, was the winner. The chances were one dollar each.

THE SUPPER at the old parsonage on Queen street last Tuesday evening was a delightful affair, and about $60 realized.

THE name of James E. Edegood, Esq., has been prominently spoken of as one of the delegates from the First Congressional District to the Chicago convention.

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The New Oyster Law.

The Baltimore *Sun's* Annapolis letter of Wednesday says a mighty howl is expected to go up among oyster-dredgers throughout the State when it becomes generally known that a provision in the new oyster law takes away a considerable oyster territory heretofore reserved for them. Under the old law dredging was premitted "outside of a line drawn from the southwest corner of Second Kent Point to Wade's Point," in the Chesapeake. The new law repeals, among other things, this section, and takes in a prolific oyster ground which the dredgers will be loath to give up when it locates the line against dredging from "Kent to Wade's Point," covering a much wider territory. The omission of the word "Second," which was probably unintentional, may cause serious complications, and there are said to be other inconsistencies in the new oyster law.

Death of Mrs. Kate Bradley.

Mrs. Kate Bradley died in Baltimore yesterday afternoon at 5.45, age about 42. She was the wife of Mr. James S. Bradley, a merchant of this town and a most estimable lady. She has been ill for some time. The remains will arrive to-day.

ORPHANS' COURT, April 26.—Present, Judges Harris, Moffitt and Burgess. Will of William E. Tarbutton was filed for probate. Francis Kraft, guardian to Mary R., Andrew A. and Helen M. Woodall filed his guardian accounts. Anthony H. Johnson filed inventory and list of debts of his decedent. Will of William A. Wyatt was filed for probate. Mary O. Cacy was appointed guardian to William E. Cacy. James Brice, adm'r of Thos. S. Wilmer, filed account of sales of his decedent.

EX-GOV. BIGGS reports the peach prospect in Queen Anne's as first class.

DELAWARE'S peach crop this year is very promising.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—The Baltimore paper yesterday quote as follows:

WHEAT—Longberry good to prime 92@93
CORN—White and Yellow, 47@48c.
OATS—34@35c.

DIED.

At the residence of James A. Mearitt, in Baltimore, on April 28th, inst., Miss JENNIE ARTHUR, daughter of the late James Arthur, of Chestertown, aged about 45 years.

Near Millington, April 20, 1892, MARY HELEN, beloved daughter of Thomas R. and Ella Crorsley, aged nine months.

Fold her waxen hands together,
Close her bright and beaming eyes;
See how like a broken lily,
Pale and beautiful she lies. I. G.

Near Rock Hall, April 17, 1892, CARROLL, youngest son of Richard H. and Emma Coleman aged 5 months, 1 week and 4 days.

Sleep on in thy beauty, thou sweet angel child,
By sorrow unblighted, by sin undefiled;
Like the dove to the ark, thou hast flown to thy rest,
From the wild sea of strife to the home of the blest.
FRIEND.

UNION M. E. CHURCH.—REV. R. IRVING WATKINS, pastor. Sabbath, 10.30 A. M., Sacramental Service.

SALEM M. E. CHURCH.—Preaching by the pastor at 10½ A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject, "The Divine Commission."

CHRIST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH. REV. D. L. GREENFIELD, Pastor. Public worship 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Morning theme: "An Unusual Subject." Every member of the church earnestly invited to be present at the morning service.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Worton. The REV. A. EDWIN KEGWIN, Pastor. Preaching tomorrow (Sunday) at 8 P. M., subject: "Hold that Tongue," or "The Great Drawback to Church Work at Worton." Sabbath-school, W. E. BECK, sup't, every Sabbath at 9.30 A. M. All the young people of the community are welcome.

A MEDAL CONTEST — A Demorest's Silver Medal Contest will be held at Salem M. E. Church, on FRIDAY, May 6, at 7½ o'clock. Admission 10 cents. 1t.

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is the BEST that has been exhibited in Chestertown, and have been selling right and left. Another big lot received this week, such as CLAY WORSTEDS, FANCY CHEVIOTS, CASSIMERES and HOME SPUN in light and dark colors.

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