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JAMES R. COLEMAN IS MURDERED AND ROBBED

Horrible Crime Committed on Public Road, Near Melitota Tuesday Evening About Six O'clock—His Horse Carries Him Safely Home—Harvey Coleman Finds His Father.

The Evidence Points to Several Negroes

Five Suspects Are In Jail—Sheriff Brown, Deputy Bolton and State's Attorney Vickers Are Searching Diligently for the Guilty Parties in the Terrible Affair.

James R. Coleman, a well known farmer and tenant for four or five years on Mrs. Carolene Hynson's farm on Fairlee Creek, three miles from Melitota was murdered and robbed on the public road Tuesday evening shortly after six o'clock. His body was found in his buggy about 8 o'clock by his 12-year-old son, Harvey, Louis Jackson, an employe and Mr. Stauffer, a visitor, outside the kitchen door.

Mr. Colemen had been to Melitota all afternoon attending a sale of cattle belonging to S. Grollman. He bought several head and paid for them. After the sale he went to N. Lieberman's store and made a few purchases. While in the store he took a pocket book from his inside pocket and displayed four $10 bills. He had one note changed and placed the balance in his pocketbook The change he placed in a small purse and put it in his trousers pocket.

He left the store shortly before six o'clock, having remained until after the big dash of rain. His home is on the Hynson farm about three miles from the village and nearly one and a half miles back from the main road.

About 300 yards from the store and within a few yards of the Corey schoolhouse, on the edge of a thicket, is the first evidence of the attack of the murderers. On the side of the road his hat was found. A few yards further blood spots were seen on the roadside near the wheel tracks. A man's footprints were also seen as if running behind the carriage and another track on the side, and one as if at the head of the horse.

The horse took his murdered driver down the road, turned in at the road gate, avoiding safely a washout at the turn and on up the lane to the barnyard. After stopping in front of the closed stable door the horse went to the fodder shed and after trying to munch some fodder turned and went to the watering trough, passing over some stones close to the kitchen door. The noise of the vehicle aroused the family and Harvey, the 12-year-old son, Mr. Stauffer and Louis Jackson, a farm hand, came out. They found Mr. Coleman lying in the buggy, his head wedged between two bows of the vehicle top, which was dropped halfway down.

They lifted him out and found that he was still alive but unconscious. It was now about 8 o'clock, two hours after the murder so that the horse must have been in the yard about an hour.

When found by members of his family Mr. Coleman had only a small amount of change in his pockets, which furnishes the evidence that the motive for the crime was robbery and it is the opinion of the officers that the three negroes under arrest and who were around the store in Melitota when Mr. Coleman drove up saw him take the roll of notes from his pocket.

Dr. W. Frank Smith of Fairlee, arrived at 9 o'clock, one hour after the body was found. He notified State's Attorney H. W. Vickers and Sheriff Brown.

Mr. Coleman never rallied, dying about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. He had three cuts on the top of his head, which appeared to have been made with a hatchet or some sharp instrument.

A jury of inquest was summoned by Coroner Smith consisting of Samuel G. Lee, Edwin A. Corey, Jesse H. Usilton, Harry P. Jones, Harry T. Rash, Wm. T. Nicholson, Harry C. Willis, J. Walter Skirven, Harry Stavely, Chas. D. Wood, J. L. Deputy and William H. Barnes, and gave a verdict of death from a blow by parties unknown,

Sheriff Brown, Deputy Bolton and State's Attorney Vickers scoured the country and arrested five negroes, Norman Mabel, Tom Blake, James Paraway, Jervia Hynson, Eugene Cousins. These men were in the store and saw Mr. Coleman' money and left shortly before he did. It is the opinion of officials that one man stopped the horse while the others got in the carriage from behind and in between the wheels and committed the murder.

One of the men when searched had brass knuckles in his pocket. He was found in the upstairs of the kitchen at ex-County Commissioner Charles D. Wood's home, near Melitota. The negro had not been to Mr. Wood's for several days and Mr. Wood does not know what time he came in. The other men were pulled out of their homes near the scene of the murder near midnight by the officers who worked all night looking up the case.

Robert Joiner, who lives a short distance from Melitota, and whose home is close to the road, states that he saw Mr. Coleman's team pass his house about six o'clock but could not see the occupant.

Bob Graves lived with Mr. Coleman and was coming out his lane when near the turn met Mr. C's team. The negro tried to hail the Boss but the team kept on by him going at a slow pace. It was very dark and he could not see plainly. This was about 7 o'clock.

The deceased was a man of lovable qualities, quiet in demeanor and kind to all. He loved the right and tried to pursue it. He was amember of Salem M. E. Church and only last Sunday attended services there and at the early class arose and gave an experience which was really inspiring. He leaves a widow, formerly of Sudlersville, five stalwart boys and a daughter, viz., Walter J, Frank, Grover Cleveland, Chas. Parker, Elsie, Harvey, Arthur Pue Coleman. His wife's mother, blind and in her 80th year makes her home with him and is indeed a beautiful character. She bore up wonderfully under the blow as did the faithful wife and children.

The funeral was largely attended yesterday at Salem M. Er Church, Rev. T. N. Given officiating; C. L. Dodd, undertaker, interment in Chester cemetery. The bearers were John L Deputy, Walter Fletcher, Harry Stavely, W. B. Plummer, Robert Joiner and Harry Rash.

A. J. Pumphrey, former Captain of Detectives in Baltimore, upon request and advice of States Attorney Vickers, has been employed by the County Commissioners and arrived here Wednesday night. He and Mr. Vickers and the officers at the jail think they have positive evidence to connect Norman Mabel, one of the negroes arrested with the crime.

Sheriff Brownland Deputy Bolton had been to the home of Mabel, searched it, found a coat bearing blood stains, and then, with States Attorney Vickers, Mabel was put through a grilling which lasted for three hours.

If the negro has told anything, both Detective Pumphrey and States Attorney Vickers are keeping silent about it. It is expected that they will search the homes of all of the negroes suspected of the crime, and also put them through the same severe cross-examination which Mabel underwent.

Both Pumphrey and Vickers were up early Christmas morning and went to the scene of the crime. They have proved, it is said, that at least three men were involved in the crime. They say that footprints in the road and marks on the buggy show that one stood at the back of Mr. Coleman's buggy, between the wheels, that another climbed into it and that a third stood at the horse's head. More than three may have been involved.

Similar To Dr. Hill's Murder.

The murder of Mr. Coleman, aged 56, was similar in many respects to that of Dr. James Highe Hill, which occurred near Millington, on April 23, 1892. He was waylaid along the road, his throat cut and his body found the next morning in his road cart. Eight negroes were convicted of the crime and sentenced to be hanged. Gov. Frank Brown commuted the sentence of four of them to life imprisonment and four were hanged at Chestertown on January 13, 1893.

STRONG EVIDENCE !

A Tight Web Being Woven About three of the Men in Jail.

Strong evidence is in hand pointing to Mabel, Blake and Paroway as the culprits who are charged with murdering James R. Coleman on the road. Blood stains have not only been found on Mabel's coat but he was stripped yesterday and further stains of blood detected. A confession from one of these men is expected at any time and efforts are being made to this end.

BEATEN AND ROBBED

Mr. Cyus G. Howard, who owns a schooner, went to Baltimore Saturday with a load of grain. Sunday night he was crossing the wharf to get on his boat, he was struck a terrible blow in the jaw. He fell to the wharf, but soon regained consciousness and discovered his watch gone, $8 in money and his jaw broken. He walked to Mercy Hospital where he is now being treated. Mrs Howard and Mrs. Webster McIntire have been with him this week.

THE HIGH COST OF HIGH LIVING

Some reasons why it costs a lot of money to live:

In the last fiscal year, the gentlemen drinkers of the United States bought and consumed 143,300,000 gallons of whiskey and brandy, and 64,500,000 barrels of beer.

During the same length of time, the nervous, energetic smokers of the country burned up 7,707,000,000 cigars and 14,012,000,000 cigarettes.

What was left over in the way of money went for beefsteak, clothing, rent and luxuries.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Peoples Bank of Chestertown, Maryland, will be held at their banking house in Chestertown, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st., 1914, for election of Directors for the ensuing year.
d27-tm A. PARKS RASIN, CASHIER.

Will Close Monday and Tuesday.

The firm of Graham & Clements wish to thank the public for the generous patronage they have been given and ask for the new firm of Graham & Thomas a share of their business.

In order to take invoice of the stock the store will be closed MONDAY and TUESDAY next in order to be ready for business Jan 1st.

GRAHAM & CLEMENTS,
d27-1t per H. R. Graham.

SERIES OF FIRES.

Big Summer Hotel on Plum Point Burned—Stable at Worton Station—Blacksmith Shop at Coleman's Burned.

While the farmers in and about Melitota were investigating the death of Mr. James R. Coleman Wednesday the big boarding house on Plum Point, owned by Mr. C. B. Hazazer, was completely destroyed with all its contents. This farm was tenanted by Mr. Harry Pillings who had left home that morning leaving a colored man in charge and Mrs. Younger to do some Xmas cooking. The fire was first noticed up the kitchen stairs and quickly spread to the main hotel. The whole structure was destroyed entailing a loss of $14,000, partly covered by insurance of $10,000 in Jos. N. Wheatley's Company. A new part was built to this home last year at a cost of $5,000 and it contained about 40 rooms. They entertained 90 guests there last summer. Mr. Pillings says he lost all his clothing and $78.

A fire which illuminated the county for many miles occured at Worton last Friday night when the barn of Noble Gears was burned, Two hundred bushels of corn and all his winter's provender and 2 tons of coal were also destroyed. The loss was about $500, with $200 insurance. The stable was owned by Mr. Harry Cooper.

The blacksmith and wheelright shop at Coleman's Corner was burned early Sunday morning together with all contents. Mr. Lionel J. Keyser tenanted the property and had his stock and tools insured for $500 in E. Thomas Massey's agency. The buildings belonged to Mr. Wm. B. Coleman and will be rebuilt at once.

GREAT CELEBRATION

The Merchants Association of Chestertown Arouse Interest By Enterprising Methods — Beautiful Illumination In Kent Square.

As announced in the NEWS, Old Kris and his family arrived by train Tuesday at the Chestertown depot and greeted by a great crown of mothers and fathers with their little ones. The distinguished guest of the merchants Association of Chestertown were invited to take possession of a snug little cabin built by W. S. and A. M. Culp on a wagon, kindly donated by the Strawboard Company, and drawn by four sturdy and gaily bedecked horses loaned by Mr. Leon Brown and handled in fine style by Kennard Burk. This team went through the Main street and finaly halted on the Square where over 1800 presents were distributed to the children.

There were about 2,000 persons in town to witness the arrival of Old Kris and to share in his company. A rain storm came about noon which cut short the stay of many but the object was attained.

Old Kris was impersonated by Irving Sparks; Mrs. Kris by Charles Smith, Jr., boys, Clark Davis and Franklin Smith Mr. Charles S. Smith, the well-known former cash merchant, had charge of the whole affair and pleased everyone. He had an able assistant in Russell Wheatley.

The manner in which the colored children were controlled by their leaders is worthy of comment. They formed in line in front of J. D. Urie's office and remained away from the crowd of white people until their turn arrived when all were well treated.

Kent Square presented a beautiful scene Christmas eve. A big tree had been made of the top of the fountain which was illuminated in a most artistic manner by Supt. Fred. H. Russell and Asst. Bertie Crouch of the Chestertown Electric Co., and at 7 o'clock carols were sung by school children under the direction of Miss Fannie Stuart. Recitations were given by Miss Hallie Cooper and Russell Wheatley. It was an ideal night and and all who were present enjoyed the occasion. It will likely become a feature of future celebrations and known as the community Christmas tree.

The visit of Santa Claus to the homes in Kent was on time and the good old fellow left a bountiful supply of candy, nuts, fruits, togs, etc. In several homes fine pianos were brought, several victrolas and in a few instances automobiles. Dr. H. L. Dodd was presented with a hand made crazy quilt made by one of his patients who is about 70 years of age—Mrs. Robert Blackway. The doctor's mother, however, goes Mrs. B. one better. She is 81 years of age and presented a friend with a hand made quilt with scores of different squares

One little girl in town received a komona direct from a friend in Japan.

Family dinners are now all the rage. One family of 18 sat down to a 23-pound turkey.

ROCK HALL NOTES.

The Brooks saw mill plant has been transferred to the home section of the owners down the peninsula. Mr. Newton Pogle will act as agent in the sale of the lumber, wood and posts Mr. Brooks has left on the Island.

Mr. Cleveland Coleman met with a painful accident some days ago. While peering down the well of his oystering boat, as his brother "Rina" was prying on the centre board with the boat's tiller, the latter slipped and struck the young man over the eye, cutting quite a gash, which required several stitches to close it. Dr. Selby attended him.

Miss Amy Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Harrison, of this place, is quite ill in a Baltimore hospital.

Capt. F. V. Scott is seriously ill at his home in Skinner's Neck. Dr. Schwatka is attending him.

While Christmas activities in this section were rather below normal, yet joy and good cheer was the order of the day. The youngsters were somewhat in the "mulagrubs" because Officer Culley was prone to be too strict in the enforcement of the town law relative to fire crackers. Oh, you Culley! Have you forgotten a few years back when you loved the fire works sport? Should the boys be run to cover while the fellows who handle the fire-crackers and set them out as a temptation before the boys at so much per pack, go free? Treat all alike, Culley, then we won't grumble.

Anyhow, the weather man's prediction for a white Christmas failed to materialize.

NARROW ESCAPES

Alfred C. Loud Knocked in Head By Big Belt—Harry Fowler Caught in Cogs of Wheel—Other Accidents.

Ex-County Commissioner Alfred C. Loud, while shelling corn at his home near town Saturday with Mr. Kinsey's outfit, was struck on the head and nose by the belt and knocked to the ground. A cut on the nose and a sore head was the result.

Mr. Harry Fowler, while at work shredding fodder on Mr. Walter Morris' Churn Creek farm, last week, was caught in the shaft of the machine and stripped of all his clothing above the waist. He was adjustiug some of the machinery when the flap of his coat caught in the cogs, and before Engineer Guiser could pull him out his coat, vest and shirt was pulled off him. Harry says it was certainly a trying time.

We are sorry indeed to note the sad accident that befell the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy of near Kennedyville. It seemed the servant had placed a tub of boiling water on the porch, preparatory to scrubbing the same and the little girl sat down on the cover and fell in the tub, but had presence of mind enough to hold on tight with hands and arms and thus saved much of her body from being scalded, we are glad to say she is doing as well as could be expected at this time.

In an effort to escape from being mashed to death by a falling pile driver, Theodore S. Morris, a bridge carpenter, of Woodland, Sussex county, Del., fell through the scaffolding at the trestle which spans the Chester river near Millington, Md., last Tuesday morning and severely injured his back and head. The trestle bridge is at the foot of a steep grade, which extends one-half mile to the southward. To the northward extends another grade equally as steep and as long. Engineers on heavily loaded south-bound freight trains have learned that they must gather all the speed possible while going down the first grade in order to get up the one south of the bridge. Many an engineer unfamiliar with the road, has had to make several attempts to climb the steep grades. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, realizing this difficulty, have undertaken to raise the track at this low point, thereby lessening the grades. For about two months a construction gang has been engaged in doing this work, and this accident is the first that has happened The men were working on the bridge when suddenly the heavy pile-driver became unfastened and started to topple over. Immediately the workmen began to run for places of safety. Several of the men narrowly escaped being crushed. As soon as possible the men rushed to the aid of Mr. Morris, who had fallen about 20 feet to the ground below. He was carried to the house car occupied by the carpenters, and Drs. Bates and Jacobs gave him medical attention. Though he is severely shaken up and bruised considerably, Mr. Morris will probably recover.

GRANGE NOTES.

Fairlee Grange held its special meeting and Christmas entertainment Dec. 19th, at 4 o'clock, at which a large number were present. The hall had been very appropriately and beautifully trimmed with two large Christmas trees, between which stood the familiar chimney and fireplace with stockings hung in front awaiting the arrival of Old Kriss.

After the business meeting the question, "Is it more profitable to make butter or sell milk—which is more progressive?" was ably discussed by Bros. W. T. Nicholson, E. A. Corey and J. P. Nicholson. Papers were also read upon the question, "Is the summer resident or boarder a benefit to the country district?"

The Christmas number of The Garner was well edited and splendidly read by Sister Anderson. It was newsy and instructive and much enjoyed by all.

Music was furnished by the choir. Brother Northam favored the Grange with several selections; which were given in his usual interesting manner. Sister Fletcher gave one of her interesting Christmas readings.

Luncheon consisting of all varieties of sandwiches, tea and coffee was served, after which the Juniors program was heartily enjoyed. Splendid recitations were given by Pauline Hoyle, Edith Crew, Catherine Watson, Mabel Hatcherson, Mildred Fletcher, Marion Crew, Louise Startt and Morris Bramble, Jr. Instrumental music was furnished by Elizabeth Wood. A drama of special interest was given by Fairlee School under the management of Miss Linda Morris for which she is to be highly commended.

Following the entertainment Santa Claus appeared giving a box of candy to all of the Grangers' children and to those who had taken part in the exercises, also distributed a number to the senior members of the Grange.

THE record for roses is held by Miss Fannie Decorse, daughter of Mr. J. P. Decorse, of Chestertown. She had a bouquet of roses on her Xmas table cut from her yard and a sample now adorns the NEWS sanctum. Mrs. Bertie Crouch and Mrs. A. S. Crawford also had roses in bloom on Xmas day.

E. THOMAS CLOTHIER will accept our thanks for fine watermellon for our Christmas Dinner.

Rock Hall Sunday School Christmas treat and entertainment took place last evening amidst joy and success.

The contest for the $400 piano, which is being held at the store of Mr. Arlington L. Sparks, is being watched closely by the public and is drawing forth earnest work on the part of the participants. The 8 highest numbers to date are: No. 72—783,385; 36—702,368; 25—579,825; 30—488,225; 52—490,105; 6—442,852; 21—430,860; 15—413,610. The contest closes in April. There will be six prizes as follows: 1st, piano; second, 20-year gold filled Elgin watch; third, 20-year gold filled watch; fourth, self-