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Couple Make Murder Confession.

The mystery of the death of George H. Merritt, of 809 Lombard street, Wilmington, formerly of Galena, whose body was found in a hallway on an upper floor of Walnut Hall, a negro resort, at Ninth and Walnut streets in that city, on the morning of March 16 last, has been cleared up apparently. The Coroner's jury found a verdict of death from the hands of parties unknown. Arrests were made but the suspects were released, owing to lack of evidence. The police continued their search and last week arrested Martin Watson and Reba Turner, both colored, the former in Chester, Pa., and the latter in Baltimore. Both made statements to Deputy Attorney General Wolcott, to the effect that the victim was enticed into Walnut Hall, where he was struck by Watson with a club, knocked down and robbed by him and the woman. Watson, it is said, claimed that he felled Merritt with his fist, and not with a club but the woman is said to have stated that he used a club which was burned in a stove the next day. The couple were held for a further hearing.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Chester Camp, No 8745, Modern Woodmen of America, the following officers were elected: Consul M. E. Newsome; advisor, J. F. Thompson; banker Walter U. Lusby; clerk, John W. Barnes; escort, Preston R Ivens; watchman, Owen C. Blades; sentry, Graham W. Nelson; manager for three years, Charles S. Smith; physician, Dr. H. B. Simmons. Prof. J. L. Smyth was appointed special auditor to examine the books of the banker and clerk.

Washington Camp, No. 34, P. O. S. of A., elected the following officers last Tuesday evening for the ensuing term: President, A. S. Crawford; vice-pres., J. L. Smyth; master of forms, Geo. H. Jones; recording secretary, J. Frank Wheatley; financial secretary, J. B. McIntire; treasurer, Earl A. Barnes; conductor, Howard W. Reed; inspector, Wm. F. Blyman; guard, Rufus E. Collins; trustees, G. T. Dewberry, John W. Barnes, J. L. Smyth, W. P. Milby and H. W. Reed.

At the regular meeting of Chestertown Council, No. 177, Jr. O. U. A. M., on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: H. G. Blyman, vice-councilor, J. G. Usilton; recording secretary, Wm. F. Blyman; financial secretary, Geo. H. Burk; treasurer, John W. Hirons, conductor, W. T. Taylor; warden, Horace W. Reed; inside sentinel, J. E. Pennington; outside sentinel, Arthur Kershaw; trustees, H. W. Reed, J. E. Pennington, W. T. Bennett, J. W. Barnes, W. F. Malin; representetive to State council, J. E. Pennington; alternate, W. F. Malin; chaplain, J. W. Barnes.

The P. O. S. of A., of Church Hill, elected the following officers on Monday night: President H. C. Bowen; vice-pres. W. Hubert Temple,; master of forms, W. H. Carter; R S., T. H. Barcus; F. S. J. C. Catlin; treas., H. E. Walls; cond., John Anderson; insp., S. B. Barton; guard, Ralph Chance.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. J. E. Nicholson, pastor of Crumpton M. P. Charge, will preach Sunday morning at Providence Church and in Crumpton at night on the subject, "Whence and Whither?"

The Ladies Aid Society of Crumpton M. P. Church will meet next Thursday night at the home of Mrs. L. S. Chew; and the Providence Society will meet Friday night at the home of Mrs. Sam'l Wallen.

Dr. F. T. Little preached two appropriate Christmas sermons Sunday. Special music was rendered by the choir under the leadership of Miss Eva Hurlock. The choir will render more Xmas music Sunday and at night the Sunday School will hold its usual exercise with carols.

Rock Hall M. E. Sunday School celebrated their annual Christmas service last Sunday night. The following interesting program was rendered: Singing by school; prayer by pastor; recitations by Cecil Culley, Medford Taylor, Nathenson Hubbard, John Hickey; singing by school; recitations by Mary Hickey and Marvel Ashley; singing by school; recitation by Francis Davis; singing by class of little children; recitations by Ella Moffett, Lillian Orr, Thelma Ashley; singing by school. After the exercises the annual Christmas treat was held.

Mr. C. H. Jefferson, of Chestertown M. E. Church, was elected delegate to the lay electoral conference which meets in Wilmington, March 15, 1912, and H. H. Klinefelter, alternate. This conference will elect delegates to the General Conference to be held in Minneapolis next May.

The beautiful Christmas music sung by the choir of the M. E. Church last Sunday morning will, by special request, be repeated tomorrow morning.

The watch-night services in the M. E. Church tomorrow night, beginning at 10.30 will be solemn, interesting and instructive. Miss Fannie Stuart will deliver an address, giving the possibilities of the Sabbath school for 1912. Prof. Norman Jefferson will set forth the possibilities of the Epworth League for the coming year. The pastor will deliver a short address and lead the midnight consecration service. Choruses, quartettes, and solos will be sung.

Rev. S. S. Hepbron will preach at Col. Suplee's house, Betterton, next Sunday, Dec. 31st, at 3 o'clock in afternoon. All are welcome.

The program as published in the NEWS was presented in Chestertown M. E. Church last Sunday.

Chestertown M. E. Church—Next Sunday, December 31st, at 10.30 a. m., Sacramental service; 2.15 p. m., Sabbath School and Pastor's Bible Class; 10.30 p. m., Watch Night service. The Epworth League under direction of Bro. Smyth will have a program of songs, solos, quartets; brief sermon by the pastor, followed by a solemn consecration service, tolling of the bell at midnight then ringing in the New Year. All invited. Service every evening next week except Saturday.

Still Pond M. E. Church, Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, D. D., pastor:—Service on Sunday morning as follows, Sunday school at 9.30, preaching by the pastor 10.45; Evening, 7.30 Epworth League. The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. L. B. Harper Wednesday January 2, at 2.30. A full attendance is desired.

UPPER KENT ITEMS

Personal and Social Notes Gathered In and Near Millington—Accidents—Weddings, Etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Phillips, of Wilmington, spent a couple of days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Vansant, at Central Hotel.

Mr J. B. W. Aydelotte returned home last Tuesday after spending about ten days in Philadelphia working for the Adams Express Co.

Prof. L. C. Robinson is spending the Christmas holidays at his home near McGinnes corner.

Miss Mary Wilson is visiting relatives and friends at Bear, Del.

Rev. H. S. Thompson and wife spent Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Price, of Smyrna, Del.

Mr. Solomon T. Pippin, of Philadelphia, Pa., was the guest of Miss Fannie Hurtt on Christmas day.

Mrs. H. L. Disharoon entertained quite a number of young folks at a Xmas Party on Monday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Lilly Jones. The evening was spent in games, vocal and instrumental music. Refreshments were served, after which the guests left, expressing themselves as having had a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. George Slaughter, of Conshohocken, Pa., spent this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Slaughter, of near town.

Mr. John H. Woodall and little cousin Roy Carpenter, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent a few days this week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wiest.

Miss Ruby K. Ahern, Mrs. D. B. Ford and little son, D. B., Jr, of Chestertown, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Mr. Franklin L. Spear, of Baltimore, spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Spear.

Mrs. Mary A. Hibbard returned home last Saturday after spending three months at West Chester, Pa.

Miss Lily Jones, Mrs. Annie Makens and son, Earle, of Philadelphia, Pa., were Christmas guests of their sister, Mrs. H. L. Disharoon, this week.

Prof. F. C. Numbers, Jr. left to-day for Parkville, Md,, after a pleasant week's stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Numbers.

Mr. George T. Parvis, who has been head clerk in F. S. Bottomley's store for seven years, has bought Mr. John Manning's stock of store goods and rented his store for 1912. He will go into mercantile business for himself. Mr. Parvis has been a faithful clerk for Mr. Bottomley and we predict for him success.

Mr. Stewart Price, of near Lynchs, visited friends in town this week.

Mr. N. F. Hobbs held a family reunion on Xmas day. Those present were: Mr. James Hobbs and mother, Mss. Lucy Hobbs, of near Centreville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duncan, of near Pondtown; Mr. Graham Hobbs, of Chester, Pa.; Mr. Thomas Bishop and Miss Emma Tremble, of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Phillips and children, Ethel and Price, of Wilmington, were guests a few days this week of her mother, Mrs. Janie Price.

Mr. E. Radzewski, harness dealer, of Millington, has applied to the court and has received permission to change his name to E. Radnor. Hereafter he will be known by the changed name.

Mr. Thomas E. Harris, our congenial town bailiff and lamp lighter, met with quite an accident Sunday night. While attempting to light one of the street lamps he dropped something and in reaching after the article, slipped and fell, and in doing so broke his leg. What makes the accident more severe and sad is: that it is the second time the leg has been broken in the same place. Just thirteen years ago last October he was kicked by a horse, had his leg broken and was in the hospital all winter. He was taken to the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, on Wednesday, accompanied by Dr. Merritt Brice.

Miss Elva Reese, principal of Crumpton School, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reese.

Mr. John B. Phillips, of Wilmington, spent a couple of days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Phillips.

The writer wishes the editors of this paper a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Miss Beulah Stevens and brother, Woodall, of near Sudlersville, spent Wednesday with their aunt, Mrs. Sudler G. Weist.

A very pretty Christmas wedding took place in Trinity M. E. Church South at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Lulu A. Benton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Benton, of near Massey, became the bride of Mr. James Harry Weist, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weist, of near town. The church had been elaborately trimmed for the occasion with evergreens and flowers. The bridal couple stood beneath an arch of evergreen. The bride, who entered the church with the groom, wore a traveling suit of dark blue, with hat to match, and carried white carnations. Messrs. Sudler, William and John Weist, brothers of the groom, and Roy Stafford were ushers, who, with the groom wore the conventional black. Rev. J. A. Rood performed the ceremony and Mrs. Dr. C. P. Gowman played the wedding march. They left immediately for a trip north.

GALENA ITEMS.

Miss Mary Scott, of West Chester, Pa., High School, is spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Scott.

Miss Agnes McCauley, of Philadelphia, Pa., paid a flying visit to her relatives and friends in and near Galena this week.

Messrs. Hanson Horsey, F. Keith Cochran and Michael Burns sure are some gunners, having bagged eight wild geese this week.

The children of the M. E. Sunday-school were given a Xmas treat Wednesday evening at the chapel in Galena.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J Hayes and son, of Dover, Del., ars spending a few days with his mother and sister. Mr. Hayes is the hustling superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Co.

THE Chestertown Grange will meet next Wednesday, January 3, 1912, for the election of officers and other important business. All members are urged to be present.

CAUGHT AGAIN

Wm. Waters, An Old Offender, in Jail for Selling Liquor and Beer.

Officer Sam'l F. Cooper arrested Wm. Waters Tuesday night on the charge of violating the local option law. In his house at Santiago were found two crates of beer and a number of quarts of whiskey, and when arrested he admitted his guilt, stating that selling liquor was the only way he had of making a living.

Waters has been to the House of Correction four times and served four years in the penitentiary.

ROCK HALL NOTES.

Old J. Pluvious and company got on a rampage on Sunday and tried to do their meanest to mar the Christmas joys of the people of this section. Ha, ha, they failed in their efforts. Joy and gladness were so strongly entrenched in the hearts of young and old that little attention was given to the rain, hail and snow of the day and the old fellows were routed. As a consequence Christmas day was a glorious one of sunshine and joy to all. All the business places were closed during the day and everybody spent the day in happy commingling in exchanging greetings and gifts.

The happiest couple of the day in town were Miss Edna Durding, the charming daughter of Mrs. Minnie Durding and Mr. Walter Bramble, who joined hearts and hands in the bonds of matrimony for a life journey. The wedding which was solemnized in the church was one of the prettiest, and witnessed by many. This popular young couple have embarked on the journey of connubial bliss amidst showers of Godspeed from a host of relatives and friends.

The Christmas entertainment of the M. E. Sunday School was held on Sunday night as per arrangement and notwithstanding the inclemancy of the weather was a joyful affair and witnessed by a large assembly.

Among those of other parts of the State and beyond spending over Christmas here were Misses Ruth, Etta and Mildred Durding, Messrs. Leroy Boyer and J. S. Hindes, True Durding, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Kramer and daughter, Miss Freda. Mr. Kramer at this writing is a victim of a severe cold. He returned to the city Wednesday.

Its certainly encouraging for Dr. Wiley to tell us that a green Christmas is no sign of a fat bone yard. The undertaker and grave digger their living to make notwithstanding.

Messrs. J. L. Nickerson, J. V. Guiser, A. Stein and W, L Finklestine have recently become members of the Odd Fellows Order at this place, the former three by initiation and the latter by transfer from a Virginia Lodge.

Mrs. Annie Tolson and Miss Mary Davis are among the recent additions to the Rebecca Lodge of I. O. O. F.

Ice house owners ought to feel encouraged if ye olden time saying be true viz, "When the ponds and ditches get full in December a hard freeze will follow." These are now overflowing.

Mr. Max Alexander says his Xmas business has been a wonder and the most successful in years. Heretofore he had little faith in advertising but the results of his advertising during the season now closing has convinced him that he has made no mistake in advertising largely. So says Mr. Kramer and Mr. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Menster, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Downey of Norfolk, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Downey, north of town.

Mr. Arthur Downey has been quite a sufferer with a gathered hand. It is reported that the flesh of the palm has left the bones.

Miss Laura Legg after a lingering illness of consumption died here on Tuesday.

Mrs. John W. Saylor has presented Maxwell Lodge No. 27 I. O. O. F. a set of regalia that was worn with distinction by her father 40 odd years ago. The regalia is well preserved and is quite a curiosity to the members.

CHESTERVILLE NOTES.

Mr. Daniel Ruth has had an attack of typhoid and pneumonia. He is on the way to recovery with Dr. Gowman in attendance.

Mrs. George W. Jones has grown much worse during the last few days. She has been a great sufferer.

Mrs. Crittenden has been visiting friends in Newark.

Mr. Harry Duyer celebrated a birthday recently with a dinner and evening party.

Mr. Herbert Ford and his cousin, Attorney Harry Ogden, of Baltimore, will leave this week for a trip South.

Miss Julia Brinsfield spent her Xmas vacation at her home in Betterton.

Rev. Hobun Yokoyama, Ph. B., B. D., of Japan, and now a post-graduate student at the Johns Hopkins University, will give an illustrated lecture in Emmanuel Church on January 3rd, and in Trinity Church, Millington, January 4th. The fourth department of each church extend a hearty welcome to all to attend this lecture by one of Japan's learned students.

Emmanuel: Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., League 7 p. m., service at 7.30 p. m. Trinity: Sunday School at 2 p. m., preaching at 3 p. m., League at 7.30 p. m.

The Christmas entertainment in Emmanuel was quite a pretty affair and enjoyed by all present. The high winds and sudden cold kept many home who otherwise would have been present. Trinity had to postpone its service from Tuesday until New Year's night, owing to the heavy rains.

Mrs. Kate Trice and children, and Miss Minnie Stevens have been with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stevens, for the holidays.

Master Edward, son of Mr. McCosh Walls, received severe burns on his hands and face on Wednesday evening when a small chair over-turned with him.

Mr. Jack Walls spent Christmas with his father in Queen Anne's and his brother in Kent.

An illustrated service will be given in Emmanuel on Sunday evening at 7.30.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Comly, wife of Mr. Sam'l Comly, of near Locust Grove, died on Tuesday night last after a lingering illness, aged 46 years. The deceased taught school at Locust Grove for a number of years, and was highly respected in the upper part of the county by a large circle of friends. Funeral was held on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, the Rev. Mr Robinson officiating. Interment was in Still Pond cemetery, Undertaker Krusen in charge.

Frank A. Willis, a prominent citizen of Easton, and an uncle of Mr. W. W. Hubbard, while on a visit with Mrs. Willis to their son, Enwin, in Atlantic City, died suddenly of kidney trouble Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Willis had been in Atlantic City just one week, and though he had been in bad health for some time his death was entirely unexpected and the announcement was a great shock to his many friends. He was in his 76th year.

The funeral of Marion Dawson, the well-known state and national grange organizer, who died while stopping at the farm house of Henry Williams, near Hertly, took place from the residence of William L. Pritchett, undertaker, in Dover Tuesday. Mr. Dawson had requested that Mr. Pritchett take charge of his remains and take the body to Dover, where it would be more central for all his friends. The rites of the Patrons of Husbandry in the burial were conducted by the members of Rural Grange of Cheswold, of which State Lecturer E. A. Evans, a close friend of Mr. Dawson, is a member. There were floral designs from his friends and fellow-grangers.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Allen, of Haddon Heights, N. J., widow of Chas. H. Allen died on Saturday last of pneumonia after an illness of four days. She was a sister of Auctioneer John H. Greenwood of Chestertown, and was born in Chestertown and lived here until married. She leaves two married daughters. The funeral took place on Thursday at Haddon Heights, N. J. Mrs. J. Hydie Thompson and Miss Lula Greenwood, daughters of Mr. John H. Greenwood, of Chestertown, attended the funeral.

BETTERTON NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bryan, of Pittsburg, are spending Christmas at the Betterton House.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brice and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Silcox spent the holidays with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brice and children, of Philadelphia, are spending the week with Capt. and Mrs. Geo. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newsome spent Christmas with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Cordray Loud returned Sunday from a visit to Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Owens and little son have returned from a visit to relatives in Talbot county.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore and daughter, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. Moore's parents, Capt. and Mrs. George Moore.

Miss Elsie Crew has been spending several days in Baltimore the guest of her sister, Mrs. MacDonald.

Mr. Alfred Greenwood spent Christmas with his family on Bayside.

Mr. Wm. H. Crew and family have moved to the Ericsson Hotel property which he recently purchased. Mr. Jesse Coleman has moved to the farm vacated by Mr. Crew.

Mr. Earle Crew, of Wilmington, is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Crew.

Mr. William Jewell and family have moved to a farm near Kennedyville. Their many friends here are sorry they have moved.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mann are entertaining a house party for the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Loud, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Loud, Miss Marietta Loud and Mr A. J. Robins, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mann and their son-in-law and daughter will be the guests of friends in Baltimore until after New Year's.

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LINENS—Our Table Linen for $1 and $1.25 per yard is unsurpassed. 2½ yards oi choice Table Linen, with a dozen Napkins to match, in a Xmas box, for $5 and $6 per box.

DOILIES, SCARFS, ETC—Our special exhibit of these linen articles makes a selection easy.

SHOES—A pair of J. & K. Shoes for the wife or daughter will greatly please her. A pair of Skuffers for each of the children is just the thing.

SUITS AND COATS—No more appropriate time than now to get fitted in a nice Suit or Coat. We have many excellent ones.

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