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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1892.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—The team of Mr. Purnell Jewell, was stolen from Edesville recently and was afterwards found hitched in a woods in Piney Neck.

—Never before, possibly, have the agents of agricultural implements in Chestertown, given a finer display of improved machinery than during the present season.

—There has been somewhat of a rush of corn to the Chester river landings during the present week, and the Corsica came over on Tuesday for another cargo from Chestertown.

—The senior class of Washington college will deliver addresses on Friday week morning in the college hall. The live questions of the day will be discussed. A rare treat may be expected.

—Owing to unforeseen occurrences it was impossible for James A. Pearce and Lewin W. Wickes, Esqs., to be present at and address the Cleveland Club at Lynch's on Saturday evening.

—The following letters remain uncalled for in the Chestertown postoffice: Mrs. Sallie Blake, Mrs. H. S. Haines, Emely Loueser Houard and Mary Bekkah Johnson. Persons calling for these letters should state that they have been advertised.

—A Cleveland Club was organized at Worton Station last Saturday night, with Samuel W. Wallis as president, and T. J. Parsons, secretary, and Joseph H. Porter, treasurer. About 27 names were enrolled. Two meetings are to be held weekly at Worton Station, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

—Sheriff Edward J. Plummer, last week, gave the grand jury an elegant dinner consisting of oyster pie, baked shad and other delicacies of the season. Sheriff Plummer and his wife gave evidence of being fully equal to catering to the wants of so august an assemblage as a grand jury as well as to the necessities and comforts of the criminal classes.

—Capt. Joseph Downey will open his cannery at Chestertown, and has already contracted for a large acreage of corn and tomatoes. Mr. Lamotte will also open his Chestertown cannery and pack corn and tomatoes. Mr. F. H. Harper, we understand, has rented his cannery property to the same parties as last year. All of these gentlemen will pack peaches in the event of a sufficient crop.

—The officers for whom the commissions were received by Dr. Fisher last week, were: Justices, Wm. M. Johnson, Thos. S. Dodd, Isaac Gale, Bartus Wilkins, C. W. C. Johnson, J. Evan Thomas, Isaac R. Starkey, Augustus G. Matthiot, Wm. H. Kelley, Henry Parr, Wm. E. Beck, John Pennington, George A. Ireland; registers of voters, Leonard A. Pennington, H. H. Gresham, George W. Jacoby, Jervis Spencer, John W. Carter; director of the Female House of Refuge, Wm. T. Hepbron; assistant weigher of grain, Daniel U. Dewees.

—A special meeting of the trustees of he Chestertown Boark of Trade was called for Monday evening, to take some action in reference to a communication which was last week received by Mr. John S. Vandegrift from Morton Shaeffer, secretary of the Patten Axle Company, of Baltimore. Mr. Shaeffer expressed a desire to confer with the Board of Trade relative to establishing the Patten Axle works at Chestertown. It was ordered that Secretary Brown communicate with the representatives of the Axle Company, and invite them to make a visit to Chestertown, when the advantages of the town and community will be clearly set forth. The gentlemen will possibly come over this week.

—The celebrated brood mare Beeswing, owned by George A. Millington, proprietor of the Capital Hotel, Dover, Delaware, died very suddenly Saturday morning. Beeswing was formerly owned by E. B. Emory, of Popular Grove Stock Farm, Queen Anne's county, and was valued at from $1500 to $2000. She was about 18 years old, and was the mother of Happy Bee, the celebrated colt with a four-year-old record of 2.17¼. Mr. Millington has three colts from her, two of them being full brothers of Happy Bee. May Bee is one year old, and shows signs of becoming a fast horse. The others are one year and two weeks old, respectively.

—Our farmers and housekeepers should look out for a tall, middle aged man who is canvassing the upper portion of Queen Anne's county in the capacity of a sewing machine expert, charging a fee of $2 for putting machines in thorough condition. Complaints have reached us from a number of persons whose machines he has pretended to repair, that he has utterly ruined them. It is said that he has victimized a great many, and the sheckles he has gathered in amount to a considerable sum. He represents himself as being from Philadelphia. Give him a wide birth. This gentleman may desire to take Kent within the range of his territory; so be prepared for him.

—The Delaware City correspondent of the Wilmington *Every Evening* says: "The bulk of carrying trade through the canal, at the present time is oyster planting boats from the Chesapeake bay for the beds in the Delaware river and bay. The recently-passed Maryland State law, which prohibits the removal of any oysters for planting elsewhere than in Maryland, goes into effect on the 15th of this month, hence the hastening of large cargoes of young oysters before the time limit expires, five days' grace being allowed subsequent to the 15th inst." This matter should be remembered, and proper safeguards in the future should be thrown around the oyster interests of the State, and all seed-oysters kept for our home oyster-fields.

—At a recent meeting of the Michigan Horticultural Society, a member emphasized the importance, when commercial peach-growing is to be made a specialty, of selecting a favorable location. Comparatively small belts or tracts of country have special advantages in this direction that make them of superior value. Location includes climate. Extremes of heat and cold during winter are often the cause of failure. Frosts cause failure in many [illegible] erwise favorable. Peach trees [illegible] om pruned properly, because the [illegible] or does not remember that the peach [illegible] ay of bearing at the extr[illegible] y of [illegible] ches. Col. Pearson at a meeting [illegible] Jersey horticulturists, explained [illegible] plan is to cut off the main branches [illegible] one and a half to two feet of the [illegible] fter leaf growth has fairly started. [illegible] stood such severe treatment well [illegible] n made a new top, which furnished [illegible] d better fruit next season. If this [illegible] was done befo[illegible] re [illegible] com- [illegible] while the tree [illegible] was dorm[illegible] rowers of [illegible] brothers.

—Mr. James A. Shaw was re-elected commissioner for Chestertown at the election held on Tuesday. Mr. Shaw's efficient service the past three years has recommended him to the public voice of the people. The ballot cast was, James A. Shaw, 48; Harry L. Boyd, 18. Mr. Boyd emphatically says that he was no candidates, and the 18 votes cast for him was a compliment from his friends. Mr. Boyd was not in town, and took no part in the election.

—The break which occured in the floodgates of the mill-pond at the old Whaland mill property has been repaired and the experienced manager of the Chestertown Patent Process Roller Mill, has his mill running on full time, and is turning out a grade of flour which it is claimed by his patrons can not be surpassed in the State and is fully equal to the finest Minnesota brands manufactured from Minnesota wheat. We have been shown samples of the bread made from the Chestertown patent process flour which was white, sweet, and though having been made several days was as fresh and spongy as when first baked. In addition to his decided advance upon old methods in his new property, Mr. Wright has placed his prices at five dollars per barrel, which will be found at his new store adjoining the office of Esquire C. W. C. Johnson. Mr. Wright says there is no necessity to leave Chestertown for the finest grades of flour. While the Board of Trade is looking for new enterprise we should not forget those which we already have with us.

Social Pleasures.

The young ladies and gentlemen of Centreville, gave a delightful dance at the Town hall, Centreville, on Thursday night, at which several of Chestertown's lovers of the fascinating dance expected to be present but were disappointed. The list of dances embraced twenty-two. The patronesses were Mrs. W. T. P. Turpin, Mrs. E. H. Brown, Mrs. B. P. Keating and Mrs. Dr. James Bordley. The floor committee were J. Fletcher Rolph, John McKenney, Clarence M. Catlin, G. Clinton Roberts, Frank Keating and J. Louis Evans. At midnight sandwiches, coffee and chocolate were served. Music was furnished by Mazziot's orchestra of Baltimore.

The young ladies of Greensborough, will give a leap-year dance this evening, to which many from Chestertown were invited, but owing to the dance at home of course it was impossible for any to accept. In behalf of the ladies and gentlemen of Kent however, we acknowledge the receipt of the invitations and regret our inability to be present.

The young ladies of Chestertown are busily engaged in decorating Stam's Hall for the Leap Year ball which will take this evening. The hall will be beautifully trimmed, and all the indications point to one of the most elegant and enjoyable dances which has been given in Chestertown for a number of years. No gentlemen will be allowed to take even a peep into the promised realm of beauty until to night. All of the delightful characteristics peculiar to Leap Year dances will be adhered to, and for once at least the "stronger vessel" will be forced to bow to the overmastering charms of feminne beauty and gentleness, and humbly declare:

"Conceal our bondage as we will,
'Tis woman, woman rules us still."

As yet, the "Lords of Creation" who have quietly and unconcernedly betaken themselves to the usual evening dances of the past without a lady, are being paid back in their own coin, and are left without escorts. No gentleman will be allowed to budge across the ball-room floor without a fair attendant, nor shall he gain that comfort which nature has always vouchsafed to those graceful and more beautiful wall-flower, in the rain and dews, for he dare not look upon the tempting glass of water without permission.

'Tis true, 'tis pity,
And pity 'tis, 'tis true.

The list of dances embraces twenty-two. The patronesses are: Mrs. C. T. Westcott, Mrs. W. Frank Hines, Mrs. Hiram M. Brown, Mrs. William S. Walker, Mrs. James A. Pearce, Mrs. Eben F. Perkins, Mrs. Joseph Turner and Mrs. Mary R. Ireland. The floor managers are: Mrs. R. D. Hynson, Miss Grace Turner, Miss Mary Hurtt, Miss Mamie Catlin, Miss Eunice Gemmill and Miss Daisy Brice.

From Crumpton.

CRUMPTON, Md. April 26, 1892.

According to the last census, Crumpton has a population of about 400 inhabitants, and has four resident ministers, six shoemakers and two barbers, in these respects we think we are as well provided for as any other town of like size on the peninsula.

We have in our mids't a bachelor in his sixties who says he is looking for a lady who wants to marry and do well. If you, Messrs. Editors, in your acquaintance know a lady thus in want, we can cheerfully recommend our old friend.

The congregation of the M. E. Church are well pleased with their new pastor Rev. J. F. Anderson.

Rev. Mr. Littleton has been returned to the M. P. Church to the delight of his people.

Mr. J. E. Williamson moved into his new house on Saturday night.

Mr. Amos Lynch has gone to Sudlersville to spend a few weeks. B.

From Eastern Neck.

EASTERN NECK, April 26, 1892.

MESSRS. EDS:—A very plesant surprise party was given Mr. John Wood at his home on the Spencer farm last Friday evening. Among those present were: Misses Allie Sappington, Fannie Sappington, Edna Strong, Eva Gresham, Lizzie Bryan, Laura Watkins, Florence Watkins, Nellie Pierce, Beckie Henry, Grace Hatcherson, Nettie Cosden, Flora Wheatley, Bessie Satterfield; Messrs. Frank Stevens, Bart Hatcherson, Joe Sailor, Frank Urie, Harry Wagner, John Hadaway, James Wood and wife, Charles Wood, Page Strong, Elwood Strong, J.P. Wickes, R. S. Wickes, Walter Francis and wife, James Pierce, Harry Bogle, James DeLacey, Wm. Larrimore. Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock. All present enjoyed dancing until the wee sma' hours, to music rendered by Messrs. Eugene Willson and Marion Miller.

Mr. James DeLacey, of Kent Island, has been visiting the Misses Sappington. UNO.

Death of Mrs. Sally H. Gale.

Mrs. Sally H. Gale, an old resident of this county, and widow of the late James Gale who lived for many years at the head of Still Pond Creek, died, from an attack of paralysis at the residence of Mr. A. G. Mathiot in Worton, Saturday evening last. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gale were well known for their hospitality, and their home was open at all times and to all comers. "Aunt Sally" as she was generally called in her old age, was notable for her quiet and gentle disposition, kind to all. She was born at Liberty Hall in the lower district, was 79 years of age, and was the youngest [illegible] of the late James Hodges, a leading [illegible] Chestertown in his time.

WEDDING BELLS.

A Brilliant Wedding at St. Paul's, Centreville.

JACOBS—M'KENNEY.

One of the most beautiful and brilliant weddings which has taken place in Queen Anne's county for a number of years past, was that of Dr. James K. H. Jacobs, of Kennedyville, Kent county, and Miss Annie McKenney, daughter of Colonel William McKenney, of Centreville, at St. Paul's P. E. Church, at noon yesterday. A ripple of pleasurable excitement had pervaded Centreville's social circles for several weeks past, in anticipation of the brilliant affair, and the bright sunshine of yesterday morning smiled upon the glad fruition of the pleasant occasion, and enabled hosts of friends of the contracting parties to be present. The church was handsomely trimmed with potted plants, evergreens and bright blossoms.

Within the chancel rail was a handsome arch from which hung a marriage bell of apple blossoms and laurel. A few minutes after twelve o'clock, the bride, wearing a handsome wedding gown of cream cocille silk, duchess lace, princess train, tulle veil caught up with pearls and wearing bride roses and lilies of the valley, and, preceded by the ushers, and her Maid of Honor, Miss Hattie McKenney, entered the church leaning upon the arm of her father. The groom and his best man, W. Hopper Gibson, met the bride at the altar, where the betrothal service was performed and ceremony completed under the marriage bell. Miss Hattie McKenney sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and wore a beautiful cream silk gown. The only ornament worn by the bride was a beautiful diamond pin, the gift of the groom.

The ushers were: John McKenney, brother of the bride, and Clayton Wright, of Centreville; J. Herman Ireland, William Janvier, Lewin W. Wickes, of Kent, and Irving Nicols, of Baltimore.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. James A. Mitchell, brother-in-law of the bride, and was witnessed by a great number of friends. Many of the most prominent persons of Queen Anne's were present, and the following from Kent:

James A. Pearce and wife, Hope H. Barroll and wife, Garrett Foxwell and wife, P. A. M. Brooks and wife, S. A. Merritt and wife, L. C. Justis, T. E. Hayes and wife, D. J. Nowland, Miss Mamie Weathered, R. D. Hynson and wife, Mrs. Jacobs and Miss Jacobs, mother and sister of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker and Miss Nelie Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard and Miss Anna Hubbard.

After the marriage service an elegant reception was held at the home of the bride's father. The presents were numerous and costly. The directors of the Second National Bank, Chestertown, sent a magnificent chocolate urn handsomely carved, and the officers sent a handsome ladel.

After the reception the bridal party had a special car on the afternoon train, and started on a protracted tour North.

KLINEFELTER—FORD.

In Grace M. E. Church, Baltimore, on Wednesday of last week, a pretty wedding was solemnized by the Rev. Richard Harcourt, pastor of the church. The chancel was one mass of handsome floral decorations, and the music before and after the services was rendered by Miss Mary Belle Cole, the organist. At 6.30 P. M. Miss Emily Hendrix Ford, daughter of the late B. S. Ford, was united to Mr. Henry Hooper Klinefelter. The bride, a handsome brunette, was becomingly attired in a princess brocade satin costume, trimmed with pearls and duchess lace. She wore diamond ornaments and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and wore the same flowers in her corsage. The bridesmaids' who were Miss Nellie Ford, of Washington, and Miss Persis Herman, of Kingston, W. Va., wore white India gowns with demi-trains and carried Marechal Neil roses. The ushers were Messrs. W. B. Harlan, Theodore Hooper, William Hooper, Morris Skinner and Charles H. Parrish. After the ceremony at the church, at which over 600 guests were present, a reception was held at the home of the bride, 809 Arlington avenue. The floral decorations in the house were magnificent, those in the halls and parlor being exceptionally pretty. The reception was from 8 to 10.30, at which there were 400 callers.

GEOGHEGAN—BARWICK.

Rev. Jos. H. Geoghegan and Miss Grace Barwick, were married Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at Mathews M. E. Church, by Rev. Alfred Smith, Presiding Elder, assisted by Revs. J. E. Turner, of Oxford. Mr. Geoghegan is a young and promising minister of the Wilmington Conference, now in charge of Wye and Starr circuit, and a graduate of Washington College, Chestertown, Md.

College Notes.

The Young Men's Christian Association held their usual meeting on Sunday afternoon. Prof. Proctor delivered an address.

The Board of Visitors have agreed to appropriate $500 to the furnishing of the gymnasium, provided the citizens give $1000 toward its construction. We have sufficient confidence in the liberality of our fellow townsmen to predict the advent of the gymnasium between now and commencement.

A society of D. D.'s has been formed, but as it is a secret organization, we cannot give much as to its nature. It is announced as successor to the Knights of Rest which flourished last year. The K. of R. never exerted themselves unnecessarily, and we learn that one bright applicant was refused admission to this order, because he was too industrious and his collar was too clean. We understand one rule of the D. D.'s is, "Don't wash unnecessarily." The number is limited to twelve. Vacancies are in demand.

Several of the young men seem to be on the anxious bench about the leap year ball. Hope they wont be disappointed.

The combined influence of the weather and the D. D.'s has prevented the baseball team's doing as much practice as it should.

The dramatic entertainment to be given by the athletic association is being rehearsed, and will soon be ready for the boards.

The philomathians intend to give an elaborate entertainment to their friends on the 15th of May, the 105th anniversary of the laying of the foundation of the college. There will be a drama, recitation, music, etc.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Leon L. Bounds, of the class of '90. Mr. Bounds was possessed of a brilliant mind and marvellous memory, and it seemed that he was destined to make some mark in the world. He took the Junior medal, and graduated second in a class of exceptionally bright students.

The Skill and Knowledge

Essential to the production of the most perfect and popular laxative remedy known, have enabled the California Fig Syrup Co. to achieve a great success in the reputation of its remedy, Syrup of Figs, as it is conceded to be the universal laxative. For sale by all druggists.

WAS IT MURDER?

Dr. J. H. Hill, of Millington Dies Under Most Distressing and Suspicious Circumstances.

The town of Millington was thrown into a state of excitement at an early hour on Sunday morning which spread like wildfire to each and every section of the county. Without the slightest reason to suspect that a harrowing accident, or what is worse, a murder, which in brutal inhumanity stands second only to the cold-blooded butchery of the Cosden family more than fifty years ago, was to break upon the quiet of the community, the distressing and mysterious death of Dr. J. Heighe Hill, a prominent young physician and druggist of Millington, came like a thunder-crash from a cloudless sky.

Dr. Hill was a son of Mr. Samuel Hill, of Locust Grove, was about thirty years of age, married, and leaves a little girl about two months old. He married a Miss Bond, of Baltimore county, more than two years ago, and had been located in the village of Millington about five years. On Saturday evening Mr. James Shaw, living on Mr. C. S. Hurlock's farm near Massey's and about three miles from Millington, sent John Weist, a boy, to summon the physician to the sick bed of his (Shaw's) child. Dr. Hill was present at and was made chairman of a Cleveland meeting during the evening, and after attending to some matters of business in the town, left for Mr. Shaw's home about 10.30, or 20 minutes to 11 o'clock, and was never, so far as can be learned, seen again until mangled, bruised and dying, he was found by his wife at an early hour on Sunday morning. Mrs. Hill heard the team of her husband pass into the lane leading past the house and up to the carriage-house. After waiting a reasonable time, and no one entering the house, the anxious wife went down stairs to see whether her husband had gone to sleep on a lounge as was sometimes his custom, but not finding him there, she made further investigation, and was horrified to find the team standing in the yard, with her husband, unconscious, mangled and dying, lying wedged in the foot of the dog-cart. The head was caught in a most uncomfortable position between the shaft and an iron stay on the under-side of the shaft, the body was lying on the stomach, one leg was cramped under the body, and one foot had had the shoe, stocking and all the flesh from the heel torn away by coming in contact with the spokes of the wheel. The face was bruised and swolen, and on the right side a gaping wound was discovered in the throat. This ghastly find almost paralyzed the wife, who at once gave the alarm, and Messrs. J. P. Ahern, J. W. Porter and W. M. Johnson removed the dying man to his home. Drs. A. R. Todd, of Millington, J. K. H. Jacobs, of Kennedyville, J. Horton Kelley and J. W. Lattimer, of Galena, were promptly summoned, but found that nothing could be done. After lingering until between three and four o'clock on Sunday afternoon, death came to the sufferer's relief.

SEARCHING FOR EVIDENCE.

On Sunday morning J. R. Poor, Joseph Poor, J. T. Power, T. J. F. Smith and a number of others, made an investigation of the main road, and it was discovered about a half mile out of Millington that there had been considerable scuffling of feet, and that a two-wheeled vehicle had taken a zig-zag or irregular course along the road. No blood was discovered until about three miles from Millington, near Massey's. This trail of blood sprinkled along the tract was followed through Massey's, around back of a large building used by Mr. A. F. Huey as a storage-room for agricultural implements. Behind this building two large pools of blood were discovered as though the horse had stood at that point for some time. The team was then traced around the depot, across the lot where the old hotel stood. The wheel which was chocked by the heel of the unfortunate man for some distance, failed to turn and left a harsh mark on the ground. The shoe, with a portion of the heel worn and torn off, was found by Perry Bradshaw near the farm of Mr. Charles Rolph, about one and a quarter miles from Millington, on Saturday night. The stocking was found by the same party a little further down the road. Fletcher Williams, found the hat Saturday night and picked it up saying that he believed it was Mr. Joseph Coleman's and took it home with him. In this party were six or eight boys and men. Walter Roe, a colored boy, left Millington about 11 o'clock, and was overtaken by a dog-cart having a man lying in the foot with his arm hanging down. He thought the man was drunk. The horse was trotting along at rather a rapid gait, and notwithstanding the fact that there were, it is stated, a greater number of rural visitors in Millington on Saturday than on any one evening during the past six months, it is a curious fact that the boy Roe is the only person who saw either Dr. Hill or his team on the fatal night. Half an hour after Dr. Hill left town, William Darrell went over the same road to a point near Massey's, and saw nothing of him. Shortly after this Watson Spear, a clerk in Dr. Hill's store, drove along the same way to Massey's and saw no trace of him.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Gentlemen came to Chestertown on Sunday afternoon, and the officers were apprised of the mysterious death of one of Millington's most prominent physicians, and on Monday morning, Coroner R. K. Pippin summoned the following jury and held an inquest over the remains: Charles P. Loper, foreman; H. S. Cook, Benjamin F. Vansant, W. H. Ford, J. G. Moore, E. J. Moffett, J. A. Edwards, John McWhorter, W. R. Comegys, Benjamin T. Morgan, Charles L. Gill, Amos B. Kelley, F. G. Usilton, W. R. Dugan, W. L. Russell and W. F. Collins.

A number of witnesses were examined and stated that though numrous taems had passed them on the road on Saturday night, there was no one except Roe who had seen Dr. Hill. Roe, who was on horseback, further stated, that he passed a party of negroes on the road who hollowed to him, but he passed on without making a reply. When he reached the pear tree, about three-quarters of a mile from Millington, a large covered wagon, which he supposed to be a milk wagon, passed him, and soon after that came the dog-cart and the supposed drunken man. It is expected that this wagon will figure conspicuously in the future developments of the case. Philip Manda, who lives with Mr. W. J. Hurlock had been heard to make certain statements to the effect that Fris Comegys told him, that some one had picked up bats and some had run out of their coats and had hollowed at a team. Manda when put upon the stand gave evasive answers and the evidence though not important of itself was contradictory and cast suspicion. Charles Brooks testified to having found a cuff and produced the cuff-button.

Drs. Jacobs and Lattimer were undecided as to the cause of death, and could not say whether it was from a blow by a blunt instrument in the hands of some person, or from a fall. The cut in the throat might have been made by striking a hook or the head of a bolt in the dog-cart, but they did not think it a stab, as they did not see how a man could stab and make the character of wound found in Dr. Hill's throat. The cut could have been made, Dr. Lattimer thought, by knuckle plates. He did not think the proper precaution had been exercised, as he considered the circumstances to fully justify a thorough investigation. Ropes should have been stretched across the road, and all traffic stopped until a careful examination of the road had been made. Dr. Todd stated that his first impression was that the throat wound had been produced by a stab with a knife, but after further consideration thought it more than probable that it was not.

THE THEORIES ADVANCED.

Though the physicians were evidently disposed to adopt the theory of accidental death, stating that death was caused by concussion of the brain, the public at large are unwilling to so readily adopt this version. The autopsy showed a great effusion of blood beneath the scalp, which caused the swelling and a hemorrhage inside the skull. The concussion, the physicians say, could possibly have resulted from a fall, but to fall with sufficient force to cause such concussion it would have been necessary for him to have been standing. If he had been out of the cart, and then as he was getting in again the horse had given a sudden jump, he could have been thrown forward with sufficient force to have produced the blow.

They also claim that the throat wound was possibly caused by striking the jaw-bone against the wheel or shaft. This also the public think untenable. The first conclusion reached by the public was, that one of the foulest murders committed in Kent county since the Cosden murder, when nearly an entire family was butchered, and three men paid the penalty of the crime on the gallows more than forty years ago had taken place.

All of the circumstances are of a most suspicious character, and when it is remembered that Dr. Hill was the examining physician whose certificate in the case of the killing of Campbell on last Christmas eve, caused great indignation and threats of a most dangerous character, the idea of murder receives additional color. It is positively declared that open threats were made, that some one would have to pay for the failure to arrest any one for the killing of Campbell. It will be remembered that Campbell was killed while participating in a mob on Christmas Eve night, when an eating house was entered, and the leader of the mob, Joseph Potts and his brother declared that they meant to "clean the place out." While it is not, of course, impossible that Dr. Hill could have fallen from an attack of vertigo or other cause, and have received the, under the circumstances, peculiar injuries which resulted in his death from natural causes, it is highly improbable. Then, too, that the horse should, when released from all guidance, have continued in the road going away from home and have turned at the particular point where it did, have gone and quietly stood behind Mr. Huey's storage house, as it must have done judging from the pools of blood, then have gone on home, while possible, savors of the same improbability which is conspicuous throughout the accident theory.

A SUSPICIOUS VISITOR.

While we would be most glad to believe that the unfortunate death of Dr. Hill was purely an accident, yet it is impossible to clear the affair of a veil of mystery, and it is equally useless to close our eyes to stern, cold facts. The circumstances are of a most suspicious character from whatever standpoint they may be considered. It is now stated that the negro Potts, who incited the Christmas riot and afterward made desperate threats, came to Millington by train on Saturday evening and left by train from Clayton on Monday morning. Cornelious Faulkner, living on the old Blackiston farm beyond Massey's, states that on Saturday night he heard a number of men came by slashing their team as though it was nearly given out or they were in an unusual hurry. The coroner's inquest after having been in session the greater portion of Monday adjourned on Monday evening until nine o'clock this morning, when it is expected that important developments will be made. It was thought best by Coroner Pippin to hold Manda, Comegys and Williams, and they are now in jail. Comegys is thought to know more of the occurrences of Saturday night than he has as yet revealed. It is impossible to imagine a death more cruel and horrible, than that suffered by the unfortunate physician, and every effort should be made to solve the mystery which now enshrouds the affair. The money, a gold watch and other contents of his pockets were undisturbed.

Funeral services were held at the Millington M. E. Church at half-past one o'clock on Tuesday. Rev. E. E. White conducted the services, and made appropriate remarks, as also did Rev. R. K. Stephenson, a former pastor of the church. Rev. Mr. Nelson led in prayer, and Rev. Mr. Weller, of the Southern M. E. Church, read a Scripture lesson. A vast number of friends were at the services. The interment took place at Shrewsbury.

The pall-bearers were: John P. Ahern, H. S. Cook and J. C. Vansant, of Algonquin Tribe of Red Men, and Joseph Mallalieu, Dr. F. A. Walls and R. W. Comegys. Among the flowers sent was a handsome broken column bearing on its base the words, "Our Brother," from the Red Men.

[SPECIAL TO THE TRANSCRIPT AT 4 P. M. YESTERDAY.]

Mr. Paul Winchester, of the Baltimore *News*, swore out warrants before 'Squire Johnson at 1 P. M. for the arrest of Charles Brooks, Charles Emory, Perry Bradshaw and Henry Hurtt, all colored, on suspicion of knowing something of the murder of Dr. Hill, and Sheriff Plummer left at 2 P. M. to make the arrests. Great excitement still prevails in and around Millington. It is now believed beyond question, that Dr. Hill was murdered, and damaging evidence has been obtained against certain parties. Great credit is due the persistent efforts of Mr. Paul Winchester, of the Baltimore *News*, and W. M. Bates, Philadelphia *Press*, for having been the prime movers in obtaining the evidence which has been gathered, and the citizens of Millington are high in the praises of these gentlemen. Sheriff Plummer is making every effort possibls to get information of the guilty parties.

Charles Brooks, Perry Bradshaw, Henry Hurtt and Charles Emory, colored, were brought to Chestertown and lodged in jail at seven o'clock yesterday evening. The evidence is constantly assuming a most damaging form, and there is now no doubt that Dr. Hill was murdered.

New Advertisements.

The advertisement of Mr. Joshua H. Bryan, who has moved into the store-house recently vacated by Mrs. Cummings will be found in another column. Mr. Bryan has opened in connection with his bakery and grocery store an ice cream and lunch room for ladies and gentlemen. See his advertisement.

A notice of an election of stockholders of the Baltimore & Delaware Bay R. R. will be found in this issue.

The annual report of the commissioners of Chestertown will be found in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT.

Mrs. M. A. Skirvin, advertises in another column, at public sale at her residence on Maple ave., a lot of household goods.

THE BAR OF JUSTICE.

Interesting Proceedings in All the Courts—Sentences to be Passed to-day—The Jurors Discharged.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21.

Court convened with His Honor Judge Joseph A. Wickes on the bench. The second of the interesting peach cases (that of McWhorter & Stevens against Edgar Price) came up for trial. This case was in all material particulars similar to the case of McWhorter & Stevens against C. O. Cacy, full particulars of which have already been given in the TRANSCRIPT. Barroll for Price, Pearce and Brown for McWhorter & Stevens.

The grand jury brought in presentments against Charles Matthews on a charge of assault with intent to kill George Freeman, and against same party for carrying concealed weapons; also presentment of James Dockery for carrying concealed weapons.

The jury in the first peach case, after having been locked up all night, and failing to agree, were finally discharged at 3 o'clock.

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.

The case of R. J. Baker & Co., against the bond 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 brought in presentments against Charles A. Jones for larceny of various articles from Thos. Stewart, near Kennedyville; also against John Randall, of Chestertown for receiving stolen goods, the property of J. J., and John D. Kendall.

The grand jury made the following report and were discharge.

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 leave through 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 I. 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.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.

Court convened with His Honor Judge Wickes on the bench. Judge Stump was in town, but was too unwell to be at court. Several minor cases were heard. Romie Wickes was brought into court, and the court declared him guilty of the crime of rape on Emma Reed, and will pass sentence on him this morning, as also upon Jones and Taylor for the shooting of Lindsey. The jurors were finally discharged, and court, it is expected will adjourn to-day.

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 Brice, 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.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

FRIDAY, April 22, 1892.

The Public School Association of Kent county, met in the school-room at Chestertown, and was called to order by the president, E. F. Perkins, Esq. The meeting was opened with music by Dr. Dodd, Mr. Wm. A. Biscoe, Misses Julia Thompson, Clare Vannort and Clara Usilton. A roll call showed fifty-five of the sixty-one teachers to be present. The proceedings of the previous meeting were read and approved, after which the literary committee submitted the following report, the first part of which, on a motion made by Mr. Crosby, was adopted for discussion at the next regular meeting. The committee suggests in view of the fact of the next meeting being the last of the school year, also that at which we have the election of officers, and the time for the discussion of questions will be limited, that the president arrange the program for the next meeting.

Second part: 1st, What is the educational value of diagraming and parsing and to what extent should it be employed in our schools.

2nd, How shall we conduct the recitation so as to conduce to the greatest advantage of the pupil?

As unfinished business, the question: In teaching arithmetic to the first-sixth grade, will it be better to omit proportion and take up percentage in its stead? was called up and discussed to a considerable length. It was argued that percentage is more practical in the every day pursuits of life than proportion. Some held that proportion is equally as important as percentage, affording as good, if not a better mental drill than percentage. It was further claimed that a knowledge of proportion is essential to the study of percentage, and hence should have precedence. However neither side underestimated the great importance of either of the rules in question, but the association decided by a rising vote that percentage should be taught before proportion. The next was the discussion of the first regular question: In teaching arithmetic, should we complete the work laid down in any rule, before taking up the work under any new rule? The question was fully considered, after which Prof. Clarke, of Washington College, addressed the meeting, choosing for his subject, Co-education of the Sexes. Both time and space would fail us to follow the pleasing speaker into detail, so let it suffice to say that the association enjoyed it as a literary treat, for which was offered a vote of thanks. After an intermission of about an