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Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, letters of administration upon the personal estate of

MARY A. DIEHL,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the to the undersigned on or before the 28h day June, 1901, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1900.

WASHINGTON G. SKIRVEN,
d22-4t. Administrator

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, letters of administration upon the personal estate of

MARTHA W. PERKINS,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of June, 1901, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1900.

HENRIETTA W. PERKINS,
d22-4t. Administratrix

HOPE H. BARROLL, Solicitor.

ORDER NISI.

Caroline V. Jones
vs.
Peter E. Denby, et al.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity.

No. 1188.

ORDERED, this 18th day of December, 1900, by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the sale of the Real Estate made and reported by Hope H. Barroll, trustee, appointed under a decree of this Court to make said sale, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 23d day of February next;—provided a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 23d day of January next.

The report states the amount of Sales to be $85.00.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
d22-4t. JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Solicitor.

ORDER NISI.

James Orr, et al,
vs.
John Orr, et al.

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity.

No. 1388.

ORDERED, this 18th day of December, 1900, by the Circuit Court for Kent county in equity, that the sale of the real estate made and reported by Hope H. Barroll, trustee, appointed under a decree of this court to make said sale, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 23d day of February next-provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 23d day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $800.00.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
d22-4t. JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

WINTER SCHEDULE.

Sassafras River Line,

Weather and Ice Permitting,

After Monday, December 24th, 1900, steamer will leave Baltimore Thursdays at 7 A. M. for Betterton and Georgetown.

Returning, leave Georgetown same day (Thursday) at 11.30 a. m.;
" Betterton at - - - 12.30 P. M.
" Buck Neck at - - - 1.45 P. M.
" Tolchester, - - - 2.45 P.M.
Arriving in Baltimore at 5.00 p. m.

SATURDAYS.

TOLCHESTER SPECIAL!

Leave Tolchester Saturdays at 9.00 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Leave Baltimore at 7 a. m. and 2.30 p. m.

TOLCHESTER COMPANY,
Pier 16 Light St., Baltimore, Md

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

The most attractive line of beautiful

Centre-Draft Nickle LAMPS

ever seen in the county. These lamps cannot smoke, are highly ornamental, and are the very thing for a beautiful and acceptable present for the holiday.

Scarcely second in importance and beauty is my line of

Daintily Decorated and Plain China

TEA and DINNER SETS.

These are beauties, and no more appropriate gift could be presented to the appreciative housewife.

Then, too, a superb line of

HandkerchiefS

dainty in fabric and refreshingly cheap in price. SILK MUFFLERS, too, and many articles appropriate to the Christmas season.

Call and examine one of the Finest Stocks from which to select Christmas gifts, to be found in the county.

WM. R. ALDRIDGE,

HIGH STREET, CHESTERTOWN.

Prompt Insurance Settlement.

BETTERTON, MD., Dec. 19, 1900.

MR. JAMES G. BECK, Chestertown, Md.

DEAR SIR:—I must thank you for the very prompt and satisfactory manner in which you have settled with me for my loss in the recent destruction of my hotel, at Betterton. It is with pleasure and without hesitation that I recommend your Insurance Agency and the Continental Insurance Company to the public. That a reliable company is ably represented in Kent is demonstrated by the prompt settlement in my own case and in many other instances of which I personally know in the county. Very truly,

MRS. SARAH W. WILMER MORSE.

Bring Your Eggs

As you will meet your greatest expectations in price.

WESTCOTT & DODD.

POTATOES FOR SALE.

I have a lot of POTATOES for sale. Fair size. Price,

33c. per Basket.

JAMES W. HURTT,
*d22-3t. Locust Grove, Md.

DWELLING FOR RENT FOR YEAR 1901.

Intending to move, I will rent my DWELLING on Mill street for the year 1901. The house has three bedrooms upstairs, two rooms, hall and kitchen down stairs, and a splendid summer kitchen, nicely located and every convenience.

Write or apply to

H. MEETEER WALLIS,
d22-ts. Chestertown, Md

DR. HOWARD F. PYFER,

LOCUST GROVE.

DISEASES—EYE, EAR, NOSE and THROAT.

Office Hours until 11 A. M., after 7 P. M.
d15-4m.

HAY FOR SALE.

I have just received one Carload of Pure, Bright and Sweet

ALL CLOVER HAY.

Also one Carload of No. 1

CLOVER and TIMOTHY MIXED HAY, which I offer for sale.

JOSEPH GUEST,
d15-tf. Chestertown, Md.

PUBLIC SALE OF

Second-Hand Sewing Machines

There will be sold in the Voshell House Yard on

TO DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock,

30 Second-Hand Sewing Machines,

of standard make, and all in good order.

Sale positive and Terms Cash.

A rare chance to secure a fine Machine at low price.

J. H. Greenwood, Auct.

BUSINESS REMOVAL.

I wish to announce to the public that after January 1, 1901, my place of business will be at 125 High street, near Queen street. When not away on professional business I will always be found at my office or undertaking parlors, in rear of my home.

J. E. FERGUSON.
d8-3t. Chestertown, Md.

BANK NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF CHESTERTOWN, Maryland, that their regular ANNUAL MEETING for the election of Nine Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at their banking house, in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1901, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

d8-5t. W. B. COPPER, Cashier.

FOR RENT FOR 1901.

THE UNDERTAKING ROOMS under the Voshell House now occupied by Undertaker J. E. Ferguson, and formerly used by Undertaker E. C. Reiche. The rooms have been used for undertaking purposes for a number of years, but are suitable for office or general purposes.

apply to or address,

JAMES S. BRADLEY,
*d8-3t. Chestertown, Md.

CHRISTMAS CAKE MAKING.

I wish to inform my friends and the public generally, that I have arranged to take orders to make, bake and deliver fruit cake, and loaf cake of all kinds, jumbles and small cakes.

Apply to or address,

MARGARET BELL,
*d8-3t. Chestertown, Md.

ESTRAY CALF.

A Red Heiffer Calf, strayed from my place on or about October the first. Any information leading to its recovery, will be most gratefully received by the undersigned.

PHILIP MYERS,
d8-3t. Kennedyville, Md.

THE ERICSSON HOTEL

AT BETTERTON

FOR SALE,

SCOTT CROWNHART,
u25-tf. Betterton, Md.

OFFICE OR BEDROOM FOR RENT.

An Airy, Light Room, on second floor of Stam's Hall Building, directly over store. This room is admirably adapted for Bed-room or Office purposes. Apply to

THOMAS G. WROTH,
n10-tf, Sec'y Stam Hall Company.

WESTCOTT & DODD'S supply of the FINEST COFFEES and TEAS every one should have, as their stock is superior to all others.

Very truly,
WESTCOTT & DODD.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The young men of Chestertown will give their annual Christmas dance next Thursday, in Stam's Hall. Contrary to the usual custom, no invitations have been issued.

Misses Anna Brown, Marguerite Plummer and Miss Ellen Fisher enjoyed outings on their wheels during the beautiful weather of the past week.

Prof. and Mrs. E. J. Clarke, of the college, are spending the holiday at their Pocomoke City home.

Prof. J. S. W. Jones, of Washington College, is spending several days with Baltimore city friends. Mrs. Jones and little Miss Meriam are at home, where they will be joined in a few days by Professor Jones for the remainder of the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Shafer will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Shafer's parents, in Baltimore city.

Mrs. W. R. Pippin, of the Armstrong House, is the guest of her mother, in Baltimore.

Judge James A. Pearce spent several days of the present week in Chestertown.

It is stated upon reliable authority, that after the present year Editor William B. Usilton will withdraw from active newspaper work. William B. Usilton Jr., will be duly installed with F. G. Usilton, his brother, in the management of the *Kent News*. Mr. and Mrs. Usilton expect to spend the winter in Baltimore.

Mr. Samuel Greenwood and several other gentlemen of Chestertown have received invitations to the delightful dance to be given by the young men of Milford, Del., on December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Herman Ireland, spent Sunday the guests of Mr. Ireland's mother and sisters, on Front street.

Rev. George C. Graham, rector of Christ Church, Pompton, N. J., and clerk to the Borough Board of Education, has resigned to accept the rectorship of St. John's Church, Prince Georges county, in the Diocese of Washington. Mr. Graham was a graduate of Washington College, class of 1897.

Mrs. J. R. Micou, was one of a party who visited Baltimore this week and saw Maxine Elliott, the beautiful actress.

Prof. Ivan Stephens, at one time a member of the faculty of Washington College, is president of the American Copper Company, Basic City, Virginia.

Mrs. W. E. Laughlin, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. George W. Simmons, Washington avenue.

Miss Katharine Hobbs, of Washington College, is making a two weeks visit at her home in Denton.

Miss Edith Riley, of the college, is at her home in Annapolis, for the Christmas season.

Miss Florence Gale, teacher at Chesterville school, has resigned her position.

The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mrs. M. E B. Mallalieu, of the Millington school, has been filled by the appointment of Miss Helen Power.

Mr. Walter T. Pippin was down town on Thursday for the first time since his long illness of fever. His friends gave him a cordial reception.

Mr. Walter Clayton, one of the successful farmers from near Golts, was in town on Thursday. Mr. Clayton reports fairly good corn crops and a moderate degree of prosperity in and around the little village.

Dr. Samuel T. Earle, Jr., who had one of his ribs broken in a fall from his horse during the recent visit of the Green Spring Valley Hunting Club to Kent, is reported as getting along quite nicely. The horse shied at the point of taking a ditch, throwing the doctor upon his shoulder and temporarily stunning him. He arose soon after, however, rode his horse the balance of the day, and no one knew of the injury until he reached his home in Baltimore.

Miss Ethel Hoffman, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John N. Dodd.

Fruit Growers Meet.—President Jas. S. Harris called the third annual session of the Maryland State Horticuitural Society to order in Baltimore, on Thursday. The proceedings were participated in by such well-known men as Messrs. J. H. Hale, "the Peach King" of South Glastonbury, Ct.; Roland Morrill, of Benton Harbor, Mich.; S. D. Willard, of Geneva, N. Y.; Professor L. H. Bailey, of Cornell University; Prof. M. B. Waite, of the United States Department of Agriculture, and W. F. Massey, of Raleigh, N.C. The feature of the first day was an interesting discussion on the subject of cowpeas, a paper on "The Money End of Peach Culture," by Mr. Hale, and one on "The Value of the Extensive Culture of the Peach," by Mr. Morrill. In his address, President Harris said that the year had been more remarkable for the quantity of fruit produced than from the profits derived from it. Among the Kent county exhibitors of fine fruits were: John Bell, Thomas Vickers, R. S. Emory, Harry L. Boyd.

WITH THE ATHLETES.

A Great Year in Athletics Being Prepared for at Washington College.

The coming season promises to be one of the most brilliant within the history of Washington College. There is an abundance of fine material for both the foot-ball and base-ball teams, and already preliminary work has commenced.

Frank Leslie Williams, class 1904, has been elected manager of the base-ball team; Dan G. Anderson, '02, of Milford, Del., has been chosen manager of the foot-ball team, and Fred B. Noble, of Preston, Caroline county, has been elected captain of the foot-ball team The outlook for foot-ball in 1901, is particularly bright, seven men of the present strong team being freshmen, and all will return.

The college will send a running team to the relay races at the University of Pennsylvania. Specially good material is available for track contests.

W. C.'s foot-ball record for the season just closed was a series of almost unbroken successes, as follows:

College vs. Wilmington Conference Academy—W. C., 15; Dover Academy, 0.
W. C. vs. Dover High School—College, 5; High School, 0.
W. C. vs. Dover High School—W. C., 0; Dover School, 5
W. C. vs. Tome Institute—W. C., 5; Tome, 0.
W. C. vs. Colora—W. C., 26, Colora, 0.

The two splendid games between the varsity team and the freshmen resulted in a score of 11 to 5 in favor of the varsity players in the first game and a draw in the second. The freshmen issued several challenges, but declare that the upper classmen had no hankering to contest for the oyster supper offered by Prof. Clarke to the victors.

Captain F. B. Noble, of the Washington College foot-ball team, has received a letter signed by each member of Tome Institute eleven, repudiating any endorsement of the misleading article which recently appeared in the Cecil *Democrat* The gentlemen composing the team have given every evidence possible of a desire to treat their successful opponents in the game with perfect fairness.

Mr. A. B. Burris, instructor in the gymnasium and department of general physical culture, is arranging for an exhibition shortly after the new year. Prof. Burris has given several of these delightful entertainments, and in each case the young athletes reflected unqualified credit upon Mr. Burris as an instructor and upon the institution of whose faculty he is a member.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Fraternal Orders Arranging for the Management of Their Business Affairs for the Coming Year.

With the Close of the year 1900 the fraternal orders of the county are selecting officers for the approaching year.

Washington Camp, No. 34, P. O. S. of A., Chestertown, will be officered as follows:

President, J. B. McIntire; vice-pres., J. W. Barnes; M. of F., W. F. Blyman; Cond., W. F. Getshall; Treas., S. E. Matthews; Rec. Sec., W. E. Ringgold; Fin. Sec., Geo. B. Twilley; Inspector, W. A. Burk; guard, O. M. Boone; trustee for 18 months, W. B. Coleman; delegate to D. B. Asso., J. A. Milnor. The following are appointive officers: Chaplain, W. B. Coleman; Asst. Rec. Sec., J. A. Jones; Asst. Fin. Sec., J. E. Cooper; Right Sentinel, W. A. Burk; Left Sentinel, J. A. Milnor.

Chestertown Conclave Improved Order Heptasophs No. 371 are officered as follows: Archon, W. F. Blyman, provost, J. F. Newcomb; prelate, J. N. Wheatly: secretary, R. H. Collins; financier, C. C. Hopper; treasurer, J. E. Matthews; inspector, G. T. Musselman; warder, J. B. McIntyre; sentinel, S. R. Matthews; trustees, J. N. Wheatley, G. T. Musselman and S. R. Matthews.

Chester Camp No. 8,745 Modern Woodmen of America, on Thursday night elected as follows: Consul, Thomas G. Wroth; adviser, J. H. Sides; banker, W. F. Russell; clerk, J. L. Smyth; escort, J. H. Hyrons; watchman, J. W. Barnes; sentinel, W. E. Ringgold; physician, Dr. W. Frank Hines; manager first year, C. S. Smith; manager second year, W. R. Aldridge; manager third year, Frank D. Leary.

Amicable Lodge, I. O. O. F.; has the following officers: N. G., W. M. Culp; V. G., J. F. Thompson; secretary, J. R. Rollison; treasurer, Jas. W. Chapman; chaplain, J. C. Loud; marshall, J. Hydie Thompson; trustees, C. J. Reiche, F. M. Miller, Samuel Mann; representative to Grand Lodge, H. M. Wallis.

The Rock Hall Odd Fellows have elected the following officers: N. G., Wm. G. Cavis; V. G., Fred Harding; Recording Secretary, J. W. Boyer; Fin. Sec., M. T. Maslin, Treas., B. H. Coburn; Chap., Jos. R. Ryan; Rep. to Grand Lodge, Jos. R. Ryan.

Chester Lodge A. F. and A. M. is enjoying an increase in membership. Messrs. M. Wilbur Thomas, J. King Wright and G. T. Musselman are among those who have lately been initiated into the ancient mysteries of free-masonry.

CHURCH NOTES.

May Call Rev. H. S. Dulaney—Many Pastoral Changes Expected.

It is stated on reliable authority, that Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, is likely to extend a call to the Rev. H. S. Dulaney to become its pastor next conference year. At present he is pastor of the church at Millington. The Rev. James Crowe, Ph. D., pastor of Asbury Church, has been in poor health and believes a change will be beneficial to him. It had been intimated that Dr. Crowe would probably become pastor of the church at Elkton, next year, and that the Rev. T. E. Terry, who is now at that church, would succeed Dr. Crowe at Asbury. The latter said, however, that he had no idea where the report originated, as he knew nothing of it. Mr. Terry has already signified that his pastorate at Elkton will terminate with the present conference year, but whether he has received a call from another church is not known. Asbury Church is one of the most important charges in the conference. Last year Dr. Crowe officiated at over 100 funerals, one-fourteenth of all the funerals in the city, and performed 79 marriage ceremonies, which was about one-tenth of the marriages in the city. The membership of the church is large and much work devolves upon the minister in charge.

The official board of the Elkton M. E. Church have decided to reduce the salary of the pastor for the coming conference year from $1000 to $900.

On account of the heating apparatus being placed in Christ M. P. Church not having been completed, there were no services in Mr. Gill's church on Sunday. The pastor and a great portion of his large congregation attended services in the other churches.

Christmas day there will be Mass at St. John's Catholic Church, Rock Hall, at 8 A. M., and at Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown, at 11 A. M. Special music will be rendered by the choirs of the churches.

A Christmas sermon will be preached at Grace Presbyterian Church, Kennedyville, tomorrow, Sunday, at 3 P. M., and at Worton Presbyterian Church at 7 P. M. Sunday schools as usual. A Christmas entertainment will be given by the Sunday School of Grace Presbyterian Church on Thursday, Dec. 27th, at 7 P. M. Free to all.

The work of putting down the handsome new carpets, polishing the furniture and otherwise beautifying the interior of Christ M. P. Church, was finished yesterday. The heater will certainly be ready to turn on in time for services to-morrow. The church is beautifully carpeted throughout. The carpet in the main audience room is a rich red in color, with small figures. The Sunday school room has a beautiful green Brussels, nearly the same pattern as that in the main audience room. The infant class room is covered with fine linoleum. Christ church, with the introduction of its new heating system and many other decided improvements, may be said to be one of the most spacious, attractive and perfectly furnished country churches in the State. Messrs. Milton Baker, E. B. Jones and W. H. Ayres, did the work in the church, and are to be congratulated upon the highly satisfactory results of their labors. The heating apparatus was put in by Philadelphia parties.

The heating apparatus is completed, the carpets are down, and everything is in readiness for services in Christ M. P. church, Rev. John M. Gill, pastor, tomorrow. Dr. F. T. Tagg, will occupy Mr. Gill's pulpit both morning and evening. A delightful musical programme has been arranged for the occasion. The public cordially invited.

SCHOOLS CLOSED.

A Pleasant Programme at the Chestertown Public School Yesterday.

The public schools of Kent closed on Friday, in many instances with appropriate exercises. The occasion at the Chestertown Public School was made unusually enjoyable by the following programme which was finely rendered:

Music.....Boys' Band
Carol—"Ring Out the Bells,"....Seventh and Eighth Grades.
"When Santa Claus Comes,"...Halley Kelley
"Jimmieboys' Letter to Santa Claus,"..Norman Crouch.
Carol—"Santa Claus is Coming,"....Pupils of second grade.
"The Suitors,".....Mary Hines
"Poor Old Santa Claus,".....Harold Matthews
Instrumental Duet, violin and organ....Susie Dunbracco, Kemp Bordley.
"Father Christmas,".....Mary Davis
"Merry Christmas,"....Pupils of third grade
Dialogue.....Pupils of first grade
"Rocket's Christmas,".....Edith Frazier
Carol—"Glory in the Highest,"....Second-sixth grade.
Music.....Boys' Band
"Playing Santa Claus,".....Ethel Price
Motion Song—"Dance of the Snow Flakes.... girls of second grade.
"The Statue of Liberty,"... Anna Sappington
"The Marriage of Santa Claus,".Emma Harris
"The Night Before Christmas,"..Frazier Russell.
"Mr. Mann Gets Left,".....Adelaide Howard
"Tommy to Santa Claus,".....Roy Duyer
Carol—"Song of Gladness,"..first-sixth grade
Music.....Boys' Band
"Jes' 'Fore School,".....Willie Wheatley
"The Duel,".....Eddie Blackway
"A Christmas Eve Adventure,"....Pupils of 5th grade.
Carol—"Christmas Time Has Come Again,"... School.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Former Kent Countian Murdered in Prince Georges.—The Murderer Immediately Commits Suicide.

[Special Dispatch to the TRANSCRIPT]

College Park, Md., Dec. 17—One of the most cold-blooded murders ever committed in this State, occurred between six and seven o'clock, Saturday morning, about one mile from College Park. The murderer was a negro familiarly known as Button Johnson, who immediately after his awful deed committed suicide. Two shots from a gun were required to complete the harrowing work of the desperado. The first shot, while serious, was not of necessity fatal, and it was while this injury was being dressed that Johnson walked coolly up and fired the fatal shot.

The murdered man was Florin M. Crew, a son of the late Daniel Crew, of Betterton. Five brothers survive the murdered man, as follows: Benjamin H. Crew, Caldwell Crew, Fountain Crew, D. C. Crew and R. S. Crew, the latter the prominent Rock Hall merchant.

After completing his awful job, the murderer deliberately walked into the yard and sent a pistol shot crashing through his own brain.

The murder and suicide occurred on the farm of Mrs. S. A. Cartwright, immediately in the rear of Maryland Agricultural College. Mrs. Cartwright was the only eye witness to the affair. She stated to your correspondent that Mr. Crew was in the act of taking something from a cupboard in the kitchen, while she was in the pantry which adjoins the room. Suddenly she heard a crash, which she at first thought was caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp which was sitting on the table. She ran into the kitchen and was horrified to see Mr. Crew lying on the floor with blood gushing from an ugly wound in the back of his head. Her first impression was that something had fallen on his head, but in a few seconds she saw Johnson standing outside the kitchen window with the smoking gun in his hand. He had evidently shot his victim through the window while his back was turned toward him. Mrs. Cartwright immediately procured a basin of water to wash the wounded man's face, as he had not been rendered unconscious by the shot. While in the act of bathing the wound, with her back turned toward the negro, Johnson rushed around the house, entered the kitchen and fired the second shot into the left jaw of his victim, nearly severing his head from his shoulders. It is miraculous that Mrs. Cartwright was not also killed. After the darkey fired the second shot he handed the empty gun to Mrs. Cartwright and said: "I might as well go shoot myself as I will surely hang for this." He then left the room, and going into Mr. Crew's bedroom stole his revolver with which he afterwards committed suicide. Securing the weapon he came back into the room where Mrs. Cartwright was, caught her by the throat, telling her that he had gotten out of one scrape but guessed she would have him hung for this, and turning round, asked where he had better go to kill himself, as he intended to do so. He then left the house.

The terrified woman fastened all the doors and went upstairs to see which way the negro went so they could catch him, and on looking out the window saw him lying on the ground just off from the house. Thinking that he was pretending to be dead, she slipped out of the side window and sent a boy over to the college for help, and to try to get some information by telegraph to his people As I am from the same county, they naturally called on me, and his brother, D. C. Crew, and uncle, J. S. Harris, at Still Pond, were at once notified. President Silvester, of the college, then asked myself and Mr. Miles, the night watchman, if we would go over and lend assistance, and try to capture the negro. When we arrived at the scene of the tragedy Mrs. Cartwright was in a very nervous condition. We soon saw the negro lying on the ground, and she told us to be careful, not knowing that Johnson was dead, as she had not heard the report of the pistol. We moved very cautiously. I got hold of a good club, and Mr. Miles with revolver close at hand, we advanced towards the negro, when we soon saw a great pool of blood directly under his head and we then knew he had killed himself. The pistol was lying beside him.

We then notified Coroner Bailey, at Hyattsville, and a jury of inquest was summoned and the verdict rendered as a clear case of murder and suicide.

The news of the tragedy soon spread around the surrounding country, and in a very short while crowds of people visited the scene of the double tragedy. The only theory advanced for the crime was that Johnson was discharged by Mrs. Cartwright on Friday for being drunk and abusive, and she would tolerate him no longer. It is supposed that Johnson thought Mr. Crew had been instrumental in causing his discharge, which is a mistake, as Mr. Crew has been nothing but kind to him since being employed there.

Mr. Crew has been manager on the farm since July, having taken charge just prior to the death of Mrs. Cartwright's husband.

Florin M. Crew was about 33 years of age, having been born in Kent county, where he lived until accepting a position at the Md. Experiment Station. After resigning his position here he engaged in the nursery business on a small scale, on the farm of Mr. Theodore Ingle, near the college, until accepting the position as manager for Mrs. Cartwright He leaves five brothers, all residents of Kent county. Two of his brothers, D. C. Crew and Caldwell Crew, with undertaker W. H. Krusen, of Still Pond, arrived here this morning (Sunday) and was carried Monday to Still Pond, where the funeral was held Tuesday; interment was made in the pretty cemetery at Still Pond. Mr. Crew had made a host of friends who regretfully mourn his loss.

I never beheld such a ghastly sight in my life. Words cannot describe it.

Yours truly,
G. HINES THOMAS.

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