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## A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

The statement made from the bench Wednesday morning by Chief Judge ...bert Constable, setting forth the rea... the removal of the case of the ...rs of Mr. James R. Coleman to ...unty for trial on March the sec... listened to with interest by a ... court room, there being among ...owd many of the county's best ...st representative citizens. There ... of opinion among ...rt. The assur... ...ed from the ...ple who as... ...

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here. The people believe that it would have been possible to have secured a fair and impartial trial, and they feel that at least an effort should have been made to swear the petit jury summoned to appear at ten o'clock on the morning set for the trial, rather than for any one to have occupied the position of prejudging the jurors.

We cannot agree with the court that conditions were such among the good-thinking and intelligent people of this county as to prevent a fair and impartial trial in this court. There were no evidences of mob violence on the part of the people. They had been satisfied with assurances previously given by the authorities speaking for the court, and the one great desire of the people of this county was that those prisoners should remain in the jail and be given a fair and impartial trial as speedily as possible in order that such action upon the part of our court might serve as a warning to every member of the colored race in this county that he cannot commit such crimes in our midst with impunity, and to use this circumstance as a future protection to themselves and their families when traveling upon the public highways or anywhere else in this community. The presence here on Wednesday morning, therefore, of a battalion of the State troops, and their subsequent action in removing the prisoners from the jail just when the case had been set for trial, and only a few days after the assurances of both the State's Attorney and former Judge James Alfred Pearce, claiming that these assurances were made upon authority from the court that the prisoners would not be removed from the jail, and that they would be tried here, served only to insult the intelligence of our citizenship, and if we are to judge from the numerous and uniform expressions of disapproval that have been heard since the removal of the case, there has been created a condition among the people of this county which it is feared may induce in their minds a desire to take the law into their own hands if a similar crime is committed in this county, which every one knows will be deplorable.

The people of this county are not in favor of mob violence. They are as God fearing and as liberty loving people as walk the earth, and it was simply their fear for the future that impelled them to demand a fair and impartial trial of the murderers of one of the county's best citizens within the territory where the crime was committed. With all due respect therefore to the court, we cannot agree with the judges that conditions were such here that, either the presence of the State militia was necessary to prevent mob violence, or that there was any justification for the removal of the case. Rather do we believe, that, for the protection of the lives of our people and for the peace and good order of our community, which has been grossly outraged and held up to the scorn of the State and nation through the sensational reports in the daily press, penned by reporters who care far less for the welfare of our community than they do for the filthy dollar, to have endeavored to create a healthier moral tone among our body ... the trial of one of the most ...us cases of murder ever committ... in this county, here, where our ... enjoy the protection the ... case would afford. The ..., and they have a right to ... the judges of the court ... are their servants.

It is the duty of the judges to trust the people just as it is the people's duty to trust the judges, and when the intelligent people of this county, such as was the case, made the demand upon the authorities of the law that the trial of a crime so heinous as the murder of Jas. R. Coleman be ... in the territory where the crime ... committed, it was the duty of ... to heed the request of the ... ...ght to make the demand. ... ...e been a tendency to fo... ...dealism with all it... ...and while we hav... ...nor do we now, f... ... we have heard ... ... in favor of ... the Recall ... ... Wednesday morning from our ... intelligent citizens than has ever before been heard in this county.

# COLEMAN MURDER CASE.

## Developments in One of the Most Horrible ... Ever Committed in This County.

Since the issue of the TRANSCRIPT last Saturday in which the details of the murder of Mr. James Coleman, one of the county's most prominent farmers and best citizens, were related in full, there have appeared in the daily papers the most exaggerated reports of the incidents following the murder, and the public is so well informed in the matter that we have decided to give simply the details as they happened from day to day. We furnish these in the order of days.

SATURDAY.

Following the arrest of Mable, Paraway and Blake by Detective Pumphrey and State's Attorney Vickers, Mable, under a severe grilling, confessed to having robbed Mr. Coleman, while Paraway hit him with a piece of iron.

Mable tells whereabouts of pocketbook and money. Detectives Pumphrey and Kratz go to the spots indicated by Mable and find the bloodstained pocketbook under the doorstep at the home of a man named Cotton in Melitota, and the $40 in notes under a potato vine in the garden at Mable's home.

Preliminary hearing given Mable in the jail before Justice S. L. Wright, in which Mable repeated confession made to the detectives and State's Attorney.

Plans made to remove the prisoners from jail for safe keeping.

Appearance of daily papers telling of the confession made by Mable and his implication of Paraway.

AFTERNOON.

The detectives, sheriff and State's Attorney make an effort to remove the prisoners from the jail. Prevented by a crowd of 400 or 500 citizens, who ... that the prisoners be kept in jail and tried in this county.

...'s Attorney ... made a speech in which he pledged his honor ... grand juro... be called on Monday morning to investigate the ... that the ... will not be removed from the jail, but would be ...

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...ay morning. The crowd entered by the side yard entrance, and ... by Town Officer Cooper, ex-Sheriff McKe..., who had been deputi... ...heriff, and Detective Kratz. Sheriff McKee wrenched the sledgeh... ...m the man who broke the lock, and was praised in the highest terms ... Brown for his bravery and assistance. The crowd finally retired after a number had been deputized by the sheriff and State's Attorney to assist in keeping others out of the jail.

Sheriff and deputy busy summoning grand jurors.

SUNDAY.

Daily papers appear containing the most sensational and exaggerated reports of the occurrences at the jail on Saturday night that could come from minds influenced by the most vivid imaginations. Quiet at the jail. Further efforts to secure confession from James Paraway, who had been implicated by the confession of Mable on Friday night.

AFTERNOON.

Paraway, through fear that another effort would be made to lynch him at night, breaks down and admits having dealt the blow which killed Mr. Coleman. He tells the character and whereabouts of the piece of iron with which he dealt the blow. Iron is found by detectives.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Governor sends a squad of twelve city detectives and policemen to guard the jail, and prevent a second outbreak. They arrive on the evening train. No effort made to raid the jail the second time, and the town was as quiet as usual.

MONDAY.

Grand jury and court convene to investigate the charges against the three negroes, Mable, Paraway and Blake. A great throng in court house when at twenty minutes after eleven the three Judges—Chief Judge Albert Constable, and associate Judges Adkins and Hopper, took their places upon the bench and ordered the clerk of the court to swear the grand jurors.

AFTERNOON.

Grand jury came into court at five o'clock and stated that they were unable to bring in any presentments because they were unable to examine a number of important witnesses. Excused until ten o'clock Tuesday morning. Thirty-four witnesses were summoned in the case.

Detectives continue their efforts to find evidence against Blake. They question the prisoners, Mable and Paarway, who stated that if Blake was at the scene of the murder, they did not see him.

MONDAY NIGHT.

Perfect quiet in town, not the slightest evidence of any attempts to invade the jail.

TUESDAY.

Court reconvenes at 10 o'clock, with a much smaller crowd of people in the court room than was anticipated.

Daily newspaper reporters still on the job writing sensational stories to the papers. Kodak snappers busy on the court house green taking pictures of the crowd.

At twelve o'clock the grand jury brings in presentments against Mable and Paraway for the murder of Mr. James Coleman.

Still there is absolute quiet and no evidence of violence on the part of the people.

AFTERNOON.

Grand jury is intructed by Chief Judge Constable to investigate the raid made upon the jail on Saturday night and to make its investigation complete and searching.

At five o'clock grand jury brings in true bills against Mable and Paraway, but fails to find against Blake. They also bring in presentments against a number of those engaged in the raid on the jail Saturday night.

The court designated Herbert E. Perkins, Esq., one of the most prominent of the younger members of the bar, to defend Mable, and Mr. Perkins visited the jail for an interview with the prisoners. T. Alan Goldsborough, Esq., of Denton, selected as his assistant.

The court also ordered the clerk to issue summonses for the appearance of the petit jurors at the last October term of court to appear in court at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

Town maintains its usual quiet. No evidence of disorder, and people attend churches where annual Christmas treats are held.

Upon returning from the church the people are greeted with the rumor which proved correct, that Governor ... sborough had sent a battalion of the Fifth Maryland Regiment here by special train and on the State steamer to protect the prisoners. People are dumbfounded that such action had been taken.

At 12.15 o'clock Tuesday night, 325 soldiers arrive, and take up positions around the jail and court house.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Court convened at ten o'clock, when the case of the prisoners had been set for trial the afternoon previous by the court. John C. Redmile was selected as foreman in place of Wilbur W. Hubbard, excused on account of the pressure of private business. The grand jury adjourned towards noon without bringing in any indictments against those who were implicated in the raid on the jail. The following composed the grand jury: Wilbur W. Hubbard, foreman; Wm. R. Crow, Jacob Shilley, Harry T. Clark, Benj. I. Taylor, Benj. F. Davis, John Brice, John R. Bennett, George T. Williams, John T. Moffett, George W. Sutton, John G. Redmile, Samuel F. Cooper, Edward W. Emory, Albert Jervis, George W. Watts, John C. Jones, James E. Hurlock, Wm. B. Plummer, Harry T. Rash, Richard B. Willson, Joshua R. Jarrell, Charles M. Hurtt.

The crowd, not near so large as expected, and every one was as orderly as could be, though in a resentful mood because of the presence of the State militia, which was guarding the jail.

Immediately after the grand jury retired to their room, the case of the State vs. Norman Mable and James Paraway, indicted for the murder of Mr. James H. Coleman, was called. T. Alan Goldsborough, counsel for the defense, filed a motion with the court asking for the removal of the case from this county because they believed it was impossible for the prisoners to get a fair and impartial trial. Immediately there flashed across the minds of the people the reason for the presence of the State troops, and there were suspicions that the prisoners would be removed from the jail. After due consideration the court granted the motion of the defense and ordered the clerk of the court to enter the motion granted upon his docket, and stated that it was the desire of the court to give the prisoners as speedy a trial as possible, and as the Cecil co... court was the earliest to sit in this circuit, if it were agreeable to counsel ... case would be removed to Cecil county for trial on March 2. The State's ... arose and stated that he preferred to try the case here, but if that co... not be done he hoped the trial would be heard as early as possible. The ... agreed to the removal of the case to Elkton.

The State troops surrounding the jail began to ... of march; the steamer McLane was in waiting at the wharf and just ... the town clock striking the hour of eleven, Sheriff B... walked from the jail with the three prisoners, for Blake had not yet been ... and taking their positions with the Baltimore detectives in the cent... strong guard of 100 State troops, the march to the steamer was begun.

It was a sight long to be remembered. The State troops and prisoners were followed to the foot of High street by a crowd of 1,000 or more people, not a howling mob, but simply a crowd who believed that a great injustice was being done Kent county, yet with suppressed feelings they went in an effort to get a glimpse at the prisoners. At 11.30 o'clock the steamer pulled out from the wharf with the prisoners on board under a strong guard to take them to the city jail in Baltimore to await trial. Blake, against whom no evidence of guilt was found, was taken along, and was freed in Baltimore because there was no evidence to connect him with the crime. The guard that protected the prisoners on the way to the boat marched back to their special train at the old depot and took their departure at one o'clock. The grand jury was discharged after filing its report, and court adjourned.

The report of the grand jury, a most remarkable document, is as follows:

TO THE HON. JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:

We, the grand jurymen of Kent county, having been reconvened in special session to investigate the murder of our worthy citizen, James R. Coleman, found:

First—That the daily papers, in giving an account of this fatal event, so exaggerated the affair as to inflame the public mind, thereby making it necessary for your jury to be very deliberate and to try to be perfectly sa... our investigation, and it has taken more time than you can imagine to exam... witness, for we did not want to make a wrong step, and after an intelligent ...stigation and inquiry, we failed entirely to connect Tom Blake with the cri... and the fact that Mabel and Parowa... disclaimed so positively that he had an... to do with it, we were unable to establish in any way Blake's connection, the only thing being he was an indolent fellow, would not work and was an undesirable citizen.

Second—We have brought in as your are aware, a true bill against Norman Mable and James Paraway, the perpetrators of this fearful and awful crime, and in order that there may not be a repetition of the tumult, insurrection and threatened lynchings, we would suggest that your honorable court explain that the law of recent years provides for just such cases as these, for we, your jurymen are by law the servants of the people to maintain their rights, liberty and happiness.

Third—As instructed by this Honorable Court, we investigated in regard to the attack made upon our county jail on Saturday night, Dec 27th, and from the best information we were able to obtain, we learned that the threatened riot stated openly that our Governor, our courts and lawyers who are entrusted to safeguard our li... had been too lenient with our criminals, but personally we did not ... cannot believe that any member of ...

...were presented for no doing. But later reconsidered and failed to find ... true bill. We have tried to be faithful in the discharge of our duties, and we ... trust that our deliberations have been satisfactory to this Honorable Court.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. REDMILE, Temporary Foreman.

On the way to Baltimo... were given food and cigars ... murder. Paraway told se... money displayed by Mr. Co... money in the store, it fasc... of money to me. I told ... money away. We didn't ... not know who we were." ... the city, and the prison... bile. Blake is report... would never come bac...

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The feeling of ... people against Governor Goldsborough for sending the State troops here for ... pose of removing the prisoners from the jail after the State's Attorne... had pledged his honor on Saturday afternoon that the prisoners would not ... be removed from the jail, and that they would be tried in this court, which ple... dge was followed by a statement from former Judge Pearce to the crowd on th... court house green on Saturday night, that he spoke with authority and had ... urances from the State's Attorney that the prisoners would not be taken from th... ll, is bitter in the extreme. There was talk all the afternoon on the part of ma... of the most intelligent tax-payers and citizens of this county of holding ... indignation meeting in order to express their resentment at the action of the ... ernor. The sending of the State troops here was regarded by many as an ... lt to the intelligent citizenship of this county, whose only desire in the ma... er was for a fair and impartial trial of the murderers here because of the ... ral effect such a trial would have upon those who might be inclined to com... a similar crime. In defending his action, Governor Goldsborough said:

"Acting u... reliable information and on the request of proper authorities, I directed ... ant General Macklin to send a battalion of militia to Chestertown. The ... on will be under command of Brigadier General Charles D. Gaither, being ... from the Fifth Maryland Infantry, commanded by Colonel Hinkley. Gen... ither will report on arrival to the judges of the Circuit Court and Sta... torney Vickers, of Kent county."

In expl... of its participation in the matter, the court, through Chief Judge Consta... d that he and his associates had requested Governor ... borough to s... State troops. "We have been led to believe," he said, "that this mob de... and that these men be hanged. If the accused are proven guilty, it is up to ... to either sentence them to death or to a term of imprisonment. We are going ... into this case with open minds, and we are determined that justice shall be ... iven these men, just as though they were prominent citizens, instead of lowly ... negroes. Reports have reached us that this mob declare these men shall not ... here alive. We cannot be dictated to by a mob, and the dignity of the court ... upheld. I and my associates feel that our oath of office demands that ... these men a fair trial, and we are determined that they shall get it. ... not discussed the case with anyone, and we do not know any of the ... refore, we cannot say what penalty will be imposed upon these men ... ore we cannot tolerate any body of men to dictate and tell us what ...

...ience is of such a nature that these men should not be hung ... prepared to have these soldiers take them away without ... demo...

...nding the action of the counsel for the prisoners, it was stated that they h... n selected by the court to defend the prisoners. The prisoners had a righ... r the law to ask for the removal of the case, and their counsel were under ... to protect the interests of their clients. They argued that a negro had ... much right to every benefit of the law as a white person, and when they asked some of the white citizens what they would want if their sons were in the place of these negroes, it was confessed by many that the lawyers for the defense were simply regarding their oath. And yet such explanations did not satisfy the people. Their resentment is bitter in the extreme, and the feeling of the most intelligent citizens of this county is such now that it is feared that if a crime occurs in this county in the future, they will take the law into their own hands, and not wait for a trial.

Thus ends the first chapter of one of the most revolting crimes in the history of our county, a crime attended by the most brutal occurrences, and the subject for many unwarranted reflections upon our people. The second chapter will open with the trial in Elkton on March 2. The prisoners are in jail in Baltimore in adjoining cells.

AFTERMATH.

A public indignation meeting of the citizens of this entire county has been called in the court house here this (Saturday) afternoon at 1.30 o'clock.


LARGE PUBLIC ...

OF ...

100 Head St...

I will sell at my Stables in Galena, ...

Tuesday, January 6th, ...

Beginning at 10.30 A.M. sharp, rain or shine, the following stock described below, consisting ...

50 HEAD CATT...

15 FRESH COWS & SPRINGE...

15 HEIFERS

part of them are Holstein and Guernsey, ... can be bought.

20 HEAD OF CATT...

of all descriptions.

50 Horses and Mule...

most of them are good and sound.

I will make a special price for sale of

Two Fancy Bay Mares ...

weigh 2,500 lbs., 6 years old.

Will guarantee everything to be as represented. Will sell any thing or kind of stock ... this sale on commission.

TERMS CASH.

Will sell, rain or shine.

S. G. CALDWELL, Owner.

P.S.—Will meet all trains at Lang...on's Station. Will sell Cattle first, beginning ... 10.30 A.M. sharp, and will sell Horses about ...



Sheriff's Sale of Personal ...

HEREBY by virtue of a writ of fieri fac... issued out of the Circuit Court for Ke... county, Md., at the suit of the Pearce Fertili... Co., of Kent county, Md., a corporation, again... the goods and chattels of G. Wiley Hodgson a... Mary Hodgson, and to me directed, I have seized ... taken into execution all the right, title and int... est of the said G. Wiley Hodgson and Mary Ho... son, in and to the following described property:

3 HORSES & MARE...

One Bay Horse, Friday; 1 Gray Mare, Ben... 1 Gray Mare, Skipper; 2 3-horse Plows, 3 H... Cultivators, 1 York Carriage, 1 Mowing Mach... 1 Feed Grinder, 1 Disc, 2 sets Wagon Harness... Work Bridles, 1 set Carriage Harness, 1 Farm W... gon, 1 Harvester & Binder, 1 Spring-tooth Harr... 1 Dearborn, 1 Grain and Phosphate Drill... Weeder, 1 Wheel Disc, 6 sets Plow Harness a... Horse Collars and one Roller.

And I hereby give notice that on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD, ...

between the hou... 10 and 11 o'clock ... the premises on ... at Election ... ...

C. W. K...

Chestertown, Md.



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WHY PUZZLE LONGER

Over That Christmas Gift

FOR THE MAN OR BOY

when our store is so replete with good things for the holidays?

CHILDREN—Don't forget to visit Chestertown on Tuesday and see Old Kris and get your package, and while here call and see us.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

may be of assistance. Think them over.

Rain Coats for Men or Boys, $4.500 to $12.0.

Sweaters, the big Shawl-collar kind, $1.00 to $8.00.

Canes and Umbrellas, 75c to $3.00.

Automobile Gloves, $1.50, $2 and $4. Better grades ordered if desired.

Fur Caps, $1... $2.00 and $5.00.

Dress Gloves in Cape, Chamois, Suade, White and Black, $1.00 and $1.50.

Buckskin and Mocha (lined), $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50.

Large assortment of Children's Gloves, Hosiery, Suspenders, Neckwear, Garters, Initial Handkerchiefs, silk and linen, all neatly put up in Christm... boxes. Caps from 25c to $1.50.

A full assortment of Shirtings in all shades—Madras, Percale and Silk, from ... to $2. Full Dress "E. & W." Shirts $1.50.

Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets in all shades and sizes. Suit Cases and ... Bags. "Everything a man or boy could desire."

We agree to exchange any artic... that has not been worn or damaged and allow the recipient of the Gift to make his own selection after Xmas day. This will greatly facilitate Christmas shopping in the event the purchaser does not know the size of any particular artice purchased.

See our large windows and look these thin... over.

Yours for a Merry Christmas,


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