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## EXTRAVAGANT PULPIT VIEWS.

There are few people but who are aware of the fact that the treatment of the negro in the south is grossly exaggerated by northern papers. The public has a right, however, to expect fair treatment from the pulpit even though it is not accorded in the press. That the puipit is not free from injustice and, for that matter, untruthfulness, is evidenced in a sermon recently delivered by Rev. G. S. Rollins, pastor of the Park Avenue Coggregational Church, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Rev. Mr. Rollins seems to be one of those preachers who gets terribly excited over the the social and political rights of the negro elsewhere than in his own locality—and on Sunday evening during the course of a sermon on the "Nego Problem" made the following statement:

"I marvel at the patience of the negro. I have seen the whole negro population of the city of Wilmington, Delaware, held away from the polls at the point of the white man's guns; I have seen them threatened with death if they attempted to vote. I have seen them shot in cold blood when the frenzy of the barbarous whites broke out against the race."

Of course anyone acquainted with Wilmington politics knows that the above is nothing more or less than a pulpit lie. Mr. Rollins never saw anything of the kind in Wilmington. If it had ever occured every paper in the country would have contained startling statements of the fact. If there is any place in the country where the negro does enjoy the fullest measure of suffrage it is the metropolis of Delaware. The negro has voted in that city right along without molestation and the idea that they have been "held away from the polls at the point of white men's guns," or "threatened with death if they attempted to vote" is too absurd to demand attention from truth loving people. On the contrary the negro has proved a most constant voter in Wilmington as he has in this county and they always vote one kind of a ticket. Since Addicks has come to the front in Delaware the negro has not only enjoyed free suffrage but has found it a profitable investment as he has always gotten pay for going to the polls. Mr. Rollins is evidently suffering a "pipe dream" or has a most vivid imagination.


For liver troubles and constipation
There's nothing better in creation
Than Little Early Risers, the famous little pills


## DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED.

### Queen Anne's Negro Shoots a Prominent Caroline Farmer.

Indignation rose to a high pitch in Ridgely Saturday afternoon; talk of lynching was openly indulged in and it was only by the prompt and coolheaded action of Sheriff Dukes and Deputy Sheriff Griffin that Adam Stewart, a worthless negro, formerly of this county, but for several months past a laborer of near Ridgely, escaped his just deserts at the hands of an outraged populace.

Stewart has been working several months past for John Imler, a highly respected farmer and trucker living about two miles outside of Ridgely. Last year he was employed on the "Needwood Farm" by Mr. Harry Covington, near Centreville. Mr. Covington gives the negro a reputation of being thoroughly worthless and unreliable. He was impudent and always carried a pistol with him and he discharged him at his first opportunity. Early Saturday morning Mr. Imler called Stewart at the usual time in the morning. After waiting some time for him to come down Mr. Imler called the negro a second time which summons he also refused to answer. Mr. Imler went to his room the third time when Stewart opened the door and taking deliberate aim, shot Mr. Imler in the abdomen, the ball entering about three inches below the navel. The negro then came down from his room where he was met by Mrs. Imler who said to him "Adam, you have shot John." The negro pointed the revolver in her face and said "You had better not come this way." He then fled from the house. The Ridgely officers were notified at once and they in turn notified Sheriff Dukes, of Caroline, and State's Attorney, J. Frank Harper, of this county. Within a few hours the Caroline forces and Counstables Whiteley, Jump & Coursey were making their way to the Caroline border to apprehend the would-be-murderer. When the Queen Anne's officers arrived at Willoughby they received the intelligence that Deputy Sheriff Griffin with a posse had captured Stewart. When the negro was finally caught his life was only saved by the cooler heads of the party who despite the cries of "hang him," "lynch the nigger" and many more of the same character, stood by the deputy sheriff and Stewart was safely landed in jail.

When darkness set in indignation again arose to a high pitch and soon there was open talk of lynching the prisoner until, fearing that his prescence in the neighborhood acted only as kindling to the flame of feeling, the sheriff and his deputy decided to remove Stewart to Baltimore city. The trio left the jail in a team at an early morning hour and drove hastily to Harrington Del., where a train was taken. Upon arrival in Baltimore city shortly before 7 o'clock a hack was obtained and the officers drove to the Central Police Station.

Stewart gave his age as 17 years. He is about 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs about 125 pounds. His mother lives near Centreville.

## ANOTHER TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

### A New Company to Cover Eastern Shore and Delaware.

The Peninsula Long Distance Telephone Company was incorporated under the laws of Maryland the first of this week, for the purpose of establishing an extensive telephone service through various counties on the Eastern Shore. The company has an authorized capital of $100,000 and will issue about $75,000 5 per cent. gold bonds. The incorporators are Messrs. Stanley Baker, David E. Evans, Harry Welles Rusk, Harry W. Webb, of Baltimore, and Joshua Clayton, of Elkton. Mr. Baker is secretary of the Maryland Telephone and Telegraph Company, Mr. Evans is vice-president, Mr. Webb is general manager and Mr. Rusk is the counsel.

The main line is to be built from Elkton to Chestertown, Centreville, Easton, Cambridge, Salisbury, Princess Anne, Snow Hill, Pocomoke City and Crisfield, Md., Middletown and Dover, Del., and to Cape Charles City, Va., the extreme southern point on the peninsula. Branch lines will be constructed to take in all of the principal points as far as Rehoboth, Del. The Peninsula Company's main line will connect with the line of the Maryland Telephone Company at Elkton and will have a traffic agreement with it for long-distance service. The local companies in Snow Hill, Princess Anne and other towns will have a traffic arrangement with the Peninsula Company that will enable the people to telephone to Baltimore, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Del., and various other long-distance points. Work on the main line will soon be commenced and it is expected to have it completed and ready for operation within four months.

The territory through which the new lines will be built is now covered by the Diamond State Telephone Company, which has a traffic arrangement with the Bell Telephone Company for long-distance service.


$100—Dr. E. Detchon's Anti-Diuretic may be worth to you more than $100 if you have a child who soils bedding from incontinence of water during sleep. Cures old and young alike. It arrests the trouble at once. $1. Sold by J. Thomas Holland.


Spring is Here.—"Spring is here" remarked C. M. West the other day and forthwith began unpacking a heavy consignment of spring clothing which he had just received. He has prepared for the season by getting in a full line of shirts and seasonable dry goods, hats and caps. He is also making a big drive in mattings.


## Spring Humors

Come to most people and cause many troubles,—pimples, boils and other eruptions, besides loss of appetite, that tired feeling, fits of biliousness, indigestion and headache.

The sooner one gets rid of them the better, and the way to get rid of them and to build up the system that has



"Seasonable reasonable force"

BANKS

## CHESTERTOWN

BANKING BUSINESS OF 1902.

### Deposits and Net Earnings.

The following comparative statesments show the condition of the three banks in Chestertown during the past year.

DEPOSITS.

**SECOND NATIONAL BANK.**

February 6, 1903 ..... $435,560 07
February 25, 1902 ..... 293,035 97
Increase ..... $142,524.10

**Chestertown National Bank.**

February 6, 1903 ..... $402,125 61
February 25, 1902 ..... 324,234 26
Increase ..... $77,891.35

**Kent County Savings Bank.**

February 6, 1903 ..... $305,498 41
February 25, 1902 ..... 277,196 47
Increase ..... $28,301.94

The net earnings of the three banks show that each bank, after paying all expenses, including interest on deposits and dividends

NET EARNINGS.

**SECOND NATIONAL BANK.**

February 6, 1903 ..... $11,019 49
February 25, 1902 ..... 4,911 75
Increase ..... $6,107.74
In addition this bank has surplus of ..... $12,000.00

**Chestertown National Bank.**

February 6, 1903 ..... $20,841 44
February 25, 1902 ..... 20,292 35
Increase ..... $549.09
In addition this bank has surplus of ..... $12,000.00

**Kent County Savings Bank.**

February 6, 1903 ..... $16,157 05
February 25, 1902 ..... 14,652 18
Increase ..... $1,504.86
This bank has no surplus.

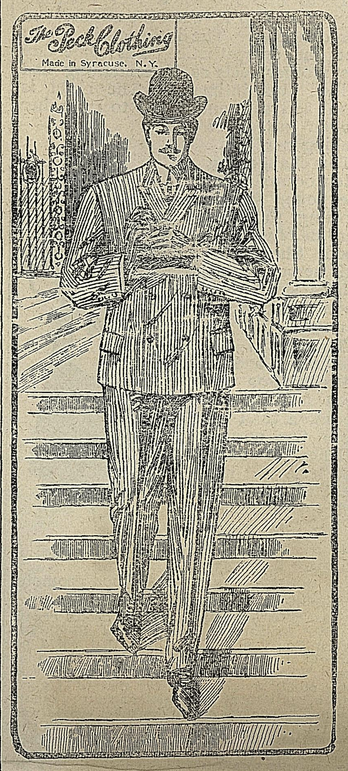
## The Second National Bank

invites the attention of the public to the above statement. It is the result of the motto of the Second National Bank to treat all its depositors alike. Not to give 3 per cent. to certain customers and offer 4 per cent. to depositers in other banks, but to each and every Savings Depositor 4 per cent.

We solicit your account. You will be served with Promptness, Accuracy, Liberality and Courtesy. The steady and marked growth of the Second National Bank of Chestertown commands attention everywhere. Few country banks have $435,000.00 on deposit.

W. B. COPPER, Cashier.
E. F. PERKINS, Teller.



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$8, $10, $12, $15, and $18.

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# Wm. H. Smith,

**Opp. Arlington Hotel,**

**Centreville, - - Maryland,**

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FOR SPRING