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LOCAL MATTERS.

Adjudged Insane.—Sheriff Bedford Roe, yesterday summoned a jury to inquire into the mental condition of Christopher Hoffman, of Rock Hall. Mr. Wm. Ford was foreman of the jury. After a thorough investigation the unfortunate man was adjudged insane. What will be the final decree in the case will be decided later.

Suggestive Pictures.—Both Kent and Queen Anne now offer some interesting pictures to "good road" advocates. At one point on a Kent thoroughfare, it is stated that broken single-trees line the roadside for more than a hundred yards. On one road in Queen Anne teams remain partially buried in the mud (one of the wagons loaded). Each county needs reform along the line of regulating the time for road mending.

Taught in Queen Anne.—Miss Mary Clarke, who was so brutally murdered near Bowie, Prince Georges county last week, is thought to have taught school in Queen Anne some years ago. A lady of the same name from the same place and about the same age, taught school in Queen Anne for several years and was well-known. Some persons in Kent knew the lady and has written on to find out whether or not the murdered woman was the Queen Anne school teacher.

Fire at Betterton.—The dwelling house on the property recently bought by the Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamboat Company of Capt. George Moore, at Betterton, was totally destroyed by fire several days ago. The building was insured for $400 in The Home Insurance Company, of New York, represented in Kent by that reliable among insurance men, Mr. James G. Beck. Mr. Beck visited the scene of the fire yesterday.—LATER—It is later reported that the property was only badly damaged.

Senior Orations.—The Senior orations formed the closing exercises at Washington College on Tuesday morning. At two o'clock a majority of the students and some of the teachers left to spend the Easter holiday at home. The following are the subjects of the finely prepared orations by the members of the graduating class: J. H. Anderson, The Future; W. C. Poole, Our Pension Bill; W. L. Wheatley, The Social Problem; T. Alan Goldsborough, So the Glory Changes; Miss Julia Burchinal, The True Nobility. The members of the base ball team remained at the college to do some practice work preparatory to Saturday's game with the Fulton Athletic Club.

Base Ball.—Manager White, of the Washington College base ball team is expecting to have the first contest on the diamond, on Saturday, April 1st. Beginning with that date, games for seven consecutive Saturdays are scheduled. Saturday's game will be with the Fulton Athletic Club of Baltimore, one of the strong amatuer organizations of the city. The college team may be expected to put up fine ball, and before the season is over the local nine will be one of the strongest within the history of Washington College athletics. The visitors will come over on Saturday by way of Tolchester, necessitating the calling of the game at 12.30 to give the Baltimore players time to make the boat.

A Local Society.—The centennial meeting of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland will be held in McCoy Hall, Johns Hopkins University, April 25-28. The meeting this year, being the one hundredth since the organization of the society will be of more than usual interest. Preparatory to this centennial meeting, and with the object of interesting the physicians in the coming celebration, and of organizing a local society in the places where none now exist, Dr. Charles M. Ellis of the faculty, has arranged a series of meetings in the various counties. Following are the delegates selected to meet the profession in Kent and Queen Anne; Kent; at Chestertown, April 4, Dr. Jacobs; Queen Anne, at Centreville, April 4, Dr. S. T. Earle.

We Have Peaches.—Profs. Johnson and Patterson, of the Maryland Agricultural College and the Department at Washington, spent several days in Kent last week making an examination of the fruit outlook. The gentlemen examined orchards in Quaker Neck, and spent one day in the fine orchards of Mr. Allen Harris, at Napley, tenanted by Mr. Robert Wickes. After a careful investigation Prof. Johnson stated that in Mr. Harris' orchard and in many orchards along tidewater in Kent there is a fair crop, but no fruit of any consequence in the interior. Kent they say has a fine sprinkling up to this time, Caroline has no fruit, and Queen Anne orchards had not been examined. Both gentlemen left to visit the Western Maryland fruit belt. The report for Kent was certainly highly gratifying. Prof. Johnson was emphatic in saying that the black speck in the peach bud represents a dead fruit germ every time.

Fickle, Even in Love.—As a rule the Centreville lover may be counted upon to stick "closer than a brother." Inconstant James White, of Centreville, is one of the heroes of the war—that is, so far as a faithful performance of duty can make one a hero. Shortly after his return from camp to Centreville, he commenced to court Miss Sadie Robinson, the younger daughter of a very respectable Ridgely family. When he proposed matrimony, he was accorded the approving smiles of the young lady, but was balked completely by the relentless objections of the young lady's mother, who is reported to have suggested that the older daughter would be a more appropriate helpmate. Immediately thereupon the gallant soldier diverted his attentions from the younger Miss Robinson to her older sister, which latter had attained an elligible age. His courtship proved successful, for within a short time thereafter he and Miss Ida Robinson were married. They took up their abode in Centreville. Since the wedding, during the period immediately preceding last Sunday, Miss Sadie, the younger sister, has been a guest in Centreville. On Saturday she left there for Queenstown, for the ostensible purpose of journeying to her home in Ridgely, over the Queen Anne's Railroad. The Ridgely trip, as a matter of fact, was not taken. The young lady remained in Queenstown all day Sunday, and on Monday, she and James White met at Queenstown, whence they both went to Baltimore on the steamer Endeavor. On Saturday last White drew all of his money from the bank in Centreville, for the purpose, so he said, of going to Baltimore and investing in furniture, stating at the time that he intended surely to return on Tuesday night. On Sunday, however, he had borrowed a large valise from the wife of his employer, which, when he reached the wharf on Monday, seemed to be heavily packed with clothing. He also borrowed all of his wife's loose change before taking his departure

Big Day at Worton.—The business men and citizens of Worton Station are arranging for a great day on Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock P. M. The programme will consist of blue rock shooting, wheelbarrow rolling, potato race and other sports. The politicians will of course take a day off and go.

Reward for Literary Excellence.—Miss Hobbs and Miss Riley offer a prize of $2.00 for the best prose article of between 600 and 800 words, taking the form of an essay, in criticism, biography or travel, to be published in the April number. Two dollars for the best story, of between 700 and 1000 words, to be published in the May number. Two dollars for the best humorous article of between 300 and 500 words, to be published in June number. All competitors to be students of the college. The judges to be persons not connected with the college. The judges reserve the right to reject all manuscript if it does not reach a certain standard of excellence.—*Washington Collegian.*

Observer Barwick's Long Service.—James A Barwick, the Government Weather Bureau Observer in Sacramento, on yesterday celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of his stay in this city. Barwick has been delighted with the climate of this locality ever since he landed here from Michigan. The Observer has written hundreds of columns of matter for newspapers and magazines throughout the country, pointing out the glories of the Sacramento climate. The people of this city have the highest regard for Observer Barwick, both as an official and a citizen, and when an effort was made about two years ago to have him transferred to the San Francisco office, the citizens of Sacramento made a strong protest which was forwarded to Washington and which brought out an order to the effect that Barwick should remain at his post. It is to be hoped that he will remain here for many years to come." The above is from the *Sacramento Bee*, and is a worthy tribute to the long and efficient service rendered by Mr. Barwick, who has many warm personal friends in Kent.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Bits of News and Gossip Gathered Here, There and Everywhere.

† The amount of private securities assessed in Kent county is $232,075.

† Postmaster C. M. Lucas has been confined to his home for several days this week.

† The first soft crabs and frogs of the season, were received in Baltimore on Saturday. The crabs sold at $3 per dozen.

† May 11, 12 and 13 have been selected as the dates for a superb May carnival for the benefit of St. Denis Church, Galena, in Odd Fellows Hall.

† The new steamer for the Queen Anne Railroad will be completed in June or July and will have a speed of 20 miles an hour. She will be 210 feet long.

† Mr. James T. Marsden, while at work on the B. & D. B. R. R., on Monday had his foot badly crushed by a falling timber. No bones were broken.

† Judge T. A. Jacobs and John Edwards, on Friday killed six wild geese at four shots. The geese were feeding in the Sassafras when this fancy shooting took place.

† The Queen Anne and Caroline gun clubs will have their second match at Denton this week. Will the Caroliners return the compliment of the Sudlersville shoot?

† No action has as yet been taken by the board of county commissioners relative to the formal request recently made by the county school board, asking that funds be provided for a new school building in Chestertown.

† Dr. Charles R. Twilley has sold his handsome young stallion, Smuggler, to Mr. William Hurlock, of Kennedyville. The price is stated to be $132, the same Dr. Twilley paid. He advertised in the TRANSCRIPT.

† An old-fashioned half cent was found by Mr. Townsend on the Washington College base-ball diamond on Friday. Mr. Townsend is the incomparable "boy pitcher" of the W. C. team and his find is interpreted as an omen of good luck.

† Beginning yesterday, Wednesday, March 29, steamer Susquehanna will leave Baltimore, pier 16, Light street, at 2.30 P. M., daily, for Tolchester, Betterton, Havre de Grace and Port Deposit. (Will not touch at Tolchester on Saturdays.)

† During the heavy gale of yesterday, the citizens were thrown into a state of consternation by the cry of fire. In less than a minute and a half after the first alarm the fire department was on its way to the scene of the threatened property. A chimney was on fire in the home of Carrie Brown, colored, adjoining the public school building on Cannon street, but the flame was soon extinguished.

IMPROVEMENTS COMMENCED.

The Chestertown Ladies' Improvement Association at Work—Trees Planted and Other Work Contemplated.

The Chestertown Ladies' Improvement Association, organized last fall, has recommenced its active campaign for town improvement.

The public squares in the centre of town which were graded and seeded in grass last fall, are green as a leek with a fresh, heavy sod and have been further beautified by the setting out of a number of handsome Norway Maple shade trees. To increase public interest in the work, each class of the Chestertown public school was requested to name one of the trees, and each minister was accorded the same privilege, and the work of planting took place on Saturday and Monday. Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort, Mrs. H. B. Simmons, Mrs. M. A. Toulson, Mrs. James Brice, Mrs. J. T. Twilley, Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, Mrs. Thomas S. Bordley, Miss N. E. Gooding, Miss Hope Wickes, Miss Mamie Carroll, a number of the public school children, a representative of the TRANSCRIPT, and others participated in the work. Mr. Robert G. Nicholson furnished the trees and supervised the work of setting out.

The following is the list of names given the trees: By first grade, Eben F. Perkins; second grade, George Dewey; third grade, Colin F. Stam; fourth grade, Richard Pearson Hobson; fifth grade, Nellie E. Walters; first-sixth, The Maine; second-sixth, J. Lawrence Smyth; seventh, Thomas H. Topping; eighth, Mrs. Hope H. Barroll; Dr. S. C. Roberts, Bishop Phillips Brooks; Father McSweeney, Father G. A. Bradford, first resident priest of Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown; Chestertown W. C. T. U., Frances Willard; C. L. I. A., Mamie Wethered; Mrs. C. C. Hopper, Charles Wilson Peale, America's first great portrait painter, born in Chestertown; the Improvement Association, James Brice.

The members of all of the committees are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. James Brice, at two o'clock this, Thursday afternoon, to discuss a general plan of work for the present season. The work of grading the square in front of the court house is now under way.

CHURCH NOTES OF INTEREST.

Appointments for Easton District—Dr. Murray's Sermon.

Easter Sunday will be observed at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, by Mass at 8.30 A. M. Special music will be rendered and the altar will be especially decorated. At St. Johns' Rock Hall, there will be Mass and sermon at 10.30 A. M., followed by benediction. Easter Monday also at St. John's, Rock Hall. Mass at 8. A. M.

At Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the blessing and distribution of the palms took place on last Sunday, Palm Sunday. Stations of the cross in the evening.

Dr. S. Reese Murray, of Wesley Chapel, Baltimore, preached on Sunday on "The Genesis of Murder," and made the recent awful tragedy in Prince George's county the groundwork of his treatment of a particular phase of this theme. He called attention to the "unenviable notoriety the United States had gained abroad for its numerous shocking crimes against human life," as set forth by Dr. McDonald, an expert in criminology, and the frequency with which murder is committed in the State of Maryland. He then took up the case of Berry and followed up the murderer's statement of his life by some observations upon his mental peculiarities. His sermon was eloquent in delivery, strong in conception and was listened to by a large congregation. The Baltimore *Herald* of Monday devoted nearly a column of space to a review of its numerous points.

The program for services in commemoration of the Crusade and Life and Work of Miss Willard, to be held in the M. E. Church, Chestertown, on Easter Monday evening, April 3d, at 7.30 o'clock, is as follows: Devotional exercises, to be led by Mrs. T. R. Hubbard; History of the Crusade, Mrs. H. Benge Simmons; Singing; Womans Work and Sketch of Miss Willard, Mrs. A. E Vannort; How Miss Willard called Young Women, Miss Gussie Cannan; Singing; Red Letter Days, Mrs. S. A. Hurlock; Free Will Offering; Singing; Some Lessons of the Year, Miss Nettie Gooding; Singing, Benediction.

The Easter day services at St. Denis Church, Galena, Rev. Miles J. McManus, rector, will be a low mass at 7.30 A. M; followed by a high mass at 10.30 A. M., and sermon on the "Resurrection." The following musical selections for the high mass, will be sung by an augmented choir, with organ and orchestral accompaniment: "Vide Aquum," Webb; "Kyne Eleison," Leonard; "Gloria in Excelsus," Battman; "Veni Creater," Millard; "Credo," Leonard. At the Offertorium, "Regina Coeli," Frey; "Sanctus," Bordese; "Benedictus," Peters; "Agnus Dei," Giorza; "Haec Dies," Bordese. At the Benediction, "O Salutaris," W.M S. Brown; "Tantum Ergo," Roseni; "Laudate Dominum," Dielman; "Strike the Cymbal," Pucitta. B. J. McCauley, Director; Organist, Mrs. A. W. Cochran; Solo, B sharp Cornetist, Andrew W. McCauley; Violin obligato, Miss Genevieve McCauley. Seats free, all are cordially invited.

The annual session of the Methodist Episcopal conference adjourned at Cambridge on Monday night, after interesting proceedings. The reading out of the conference appointments by the bishop was the last work done. As usual many surprises took place and with them many sore disappointments. It is safe to say that no change made will more vitally affect the congregation deprived of its pastor than the removal of Dr. C. A. Grise from Chestertown. Dr. Grise was peculiarly the right man in the right place. An eloquent speaker, a profound thinker, and fulfilled every requirement of a pastor and at the same time emphasized the highest demands of a pure and loyal citizenship. He had won the confidence and esteem of the entire community without regard to church, party or creed. He had reduced his work in Chestertown to a degree of perfection which would have rendered his future work here eminently effective. Chestertown Methodist church is loath to give up its popular pastor. They will however, speed the parting and welcome the coming guest.

CHESTERTOWN'S NEW PASTOR.

Rev. Julius Dodd, the new pastor of the M. E. Church in Chestertown, is the son of a Methodist preacher, and has been a member of the Wilmington Conference since 1879. Mr. Dodd has made a good record as pastor and preacher, in all the charges he has served. He comes here from Newport, Del., a strong charge near Wilmington, where his many friends strongly desired his return. Dr. W. E. Avery, who was at the Chestertown conference taken up from Dover pastorate and made presiding elder of Salisbury district, succeeds Mr. Dodd as pastor at Newport.

Mr. Dodd has the reputation of being a very able preacher, and one who looks carefully into the detail of church work. So the Methodist church and community of Chestertown are to be congratulated in the wisdom of the appointment. We learn that Mr. Dodd will fill the pulpit here next Sunday, but will not move until next week.

Easton District—Presiding elder, W. F. Corkran; Bayside, Del., A. L. Gray, supply. Cecilton, Md., J. A. Arters; Centreville, E. C. Atkins; Cheswold and Bethel, Edwin Gardner; Fairlee, J. M. Arters, supply; Chestertown, Julius Dodd; Church Hill, to be supplied; Clayton, O. W. Levenish; Cordova, W. S. H. Williams; Crumpton, F. E Bloxton; Easton, R. H. Adams; Galena, A. P. Prettyman; Golts, Daniel Wilson, supply; Greensboro, Aloysius Green; Hillsboro, T. A. H. O'Brien; Ingleside, O. E. Jones; Kent Island, S. P. Shipman; Kenton, G. R. Ellis; Marydel, E. R. Sidell; Middletown, I. L. Wood; Millington, D. F. Waddell; Odessa, W. O. Hurst; Oxford, T. B. Cooper; Piney Neck, C. K. Morris, supply; Pomona, to be supplied; Queenstown, O. T. Baynard; Rock Hall, W. B. Guthrie; Royal Oak, F. E. McKinsey; St. Michrels, J. H. Beauchamp; Smyrna, C. A. Hill; Smyrna Circuit, L. W. Layfield; Still Pond, E. P. Roberts; Sudlersville, Robert Roe; Talbot Circuit, J. W. Talley; Tilghman's Island, W. W. Chaires; Townsend, G. P. Jones; Trappe, T. F. Tabler; Tunis Mill, W. C. Poole, supply; Wye and Starr, W. H. Kenney; Worton, Clarence Jones, supply.

OBITUARY.

MRS. PENA DYER.

After a three weeks' illness, Mrs. Pena Dyer, widow of John H. Dyer, died at her home, on Cross street, Sunday afternoon, in the sixty-seventh year of age. Mrs. Dyer was first attacked by the grip, which developed into pneumonia. Three children survive her—John Dyer, of Princess Anne; Mrs. James Chilcutt, of Chestertown, and Mrs. Edsall, of McKees City, N. J. Funeral services were held on Monday evening, Rev. John M. Gill, of Christ M.P. Church, officiated. The remains were taken to Laurel, Del., for interment.

MRS. MARGARET A. RASIN.

Mrs. Margaret A. Rasin, wife of Dr. Robert W. L. Rasin, president of the Rasin Fertilizer Company, died Monday at her home in Baltimore, after a lingering illness from a complication of diseases. She had been ill for nearly a year. Mrs. Rasin was sixty-six years old, and was born in Baltimore. She was a woman of domestic tastes, her entire life being devoted to her family and her church. She was the mother of Dr. Robert C. Rasin, who has frequently visited in Kent.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Rev. George C. Graham, deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church, was raised to the priesthood on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th, by Bishop Starkey, at Grace Church, Orange, N. J. Mr. Graham was ordained to the deaconate by Bishop Adams, in Christ Church, Easton, August 5, 1897. He is the son of Mr. George C. Graham, of Clora's Point, Talbot county.

Dr. John Wethered is now at San Antonio, Texas. He writes favorably of the Texas climate. The steamer on which he left New York was discovered to be on fire shortly after leaving her dock and was forced to return.

The official investiture of the Senior class of Western Maryland College, took place last week. Among the number was Miss Fannie B. Woodall, of Georgetown.

Prof. J. S. W. Jones, of Washington College, contributed a communication occupying nearly an entire column in Thursday's Baltimore *Sun*, in behalf of increased State aid to Normal instruction in Maryland. The professor placed his subject in the strongest possible light, and contended that State funds could not be more advantageously expended than assisting in the proper education of the teachers of the children of the entire people.

Mrs. C. L. Crisfield, a lady of marked literary ability and a frequent visitor at the home of Judge James A. Pearce, contributed to the last number of the *Conservative Quarterly Review*, an intensely interesting review of "Khaver, a Turkish novel."

Mr. DeCoursey Ruth, of Baltimore, has been the guest of Chestertown friends.

Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard accompanied Mr. Hubbard on a two week's business trip through the Maryland and Delaware peninsula, returning last week. She is enthusiastic as regards "life on the road." A splendid entertainment was accorded by Mr. Hubbard's friends at nearly every point touched on the trip.

Mr. Curtis E. Crane and his friends, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, H. M. Brown and Thos. D. France, returned from a cruise on the yacht Josephine, on Friday. But little game was found, a royal good time was enjoyed nevertheless.

Mr. Thomas Trenchard will return from his trip to Central America next month. The press of business of the Messrs. Crane & Trenchard Brothers make it necessary for all of the members to be at home during the busy season.

Mr. Walter Perkins, of Philadelphia, spent several days this week in Chestertown.

M. deK. Smith, Jr., of Cornell University, is at home for the Easter holiday.

Mr. Alexander Erskine, Jr., who established a branch of the Monumental Building Loan Association of Baltimore, in Kent, is in the county completing some unfinished work. He reports having sold nearly seventeen hundred shares of stock here.

Nearly all of the Professors of Washington College will be absent from the "classic hill" during the Easter holiday. Dr. and Mrs. Reid are in Philadelphia, Prof. and Mrs. Micou expect to visit Washington, Miss Hobbs is at her home in Denton, Miss Riley at her home in Annapolis, and Prof. and Mrs. Clarke in Pocomoke City.

Miss Elliott, of Baltimore, and Miss Hersey, of Boston, neice of Capt. N. Mayo Dyer of battle ship Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harrison W. Vickers, at Lauretum Place.

WAR IS BENEFICIAL.

So Declared at an Open Meeting of the Pieria Literary Society of Young Ladies.

The ladies of the Pieria Literary Society of Washington College held their first open meeting on Friday afternoon. The members of the faculty, and the members of the Mount Vernon and Philomathean literary societies were guests of the Pierias on the occasion.

The prominent feature of the highly interesting programme was the debate, the subject being: "Resolved that war is beneficial to mankind." The affirmative side of the question was represented by Misses Susie Belle Culp, Adele France and Amy Shaw, of Chestertown; the negative by Misses Lillian Benton, of Queen Anne; Ethel Maslin, of Rock Hall, and Ida Dean, of Caroline. The ladies had evidently made exhaustive research for data bearing upon the subject as shown by the forceful arguments presented. The affirmative won the decision. The judges were Messrs. T. Alan Goldsborough, J. Hall Anderson and Mrs. J. R. Micou. Impromptu addresses were made by Misses Mattie Davis, Rebecca Eliason and Estelle Crew. The essays and their subjects were: Misses Cora Emory, Changes in Social Conditions; Jennie Hines, Advantages of a College Education; May Jones, Success; Lucrecia Holloway, Perseverance.

The Pierian, the society paper, was read by Misses Hope Wallis, Ethel Parsons and Miss Beauchamp. Critic, Miss Barbara Anthony. The declaimers for the occasion were: Misses Freddie Strong, Ella Whitworth, Bessie Wheatley and Hallie Toulson.

The meeting was a success in every respect and a most pleasant affair.

The officers of the Pieria are: president, Miss Adele France; vice-president, Miss Lydia Whitworth; recording secretary, Miss Lillian Benton; treasurer, Miss Hallie Toulson.

BETTERTON NEWS.

At a meeting of the ladies of Betterton M. E. Church, held on Saturday evening last, the audience was entertained with a highly interesting address upon the subject of temperance, by Mrs. Helen Rice, of Boston. Mrs. Rice is a national organizer of the Loyal Temperance Legion. The object of the meeting was to organize a Legion at this place, and there are strong probabilities of her efforts terminating in success in the near future.

At a meeting of our Sunday school organization, held in the Sunday school room on Sunday afternoon last, the following members were elected officers for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Mr. Geo. E. Owens; assistant supt., Mrs. Octavia Bowman; secretary, Miss Lollie Crew; treasurer, Mr. J. A. Bowman; librarian, Mr. Clarence Crew; assistant librarian, J. F. Young; organist, Miss Sadie Brice; assistant organist, Miss Katie Smith.

Mrs. Horace Brice visited Baltimore friends last week.

Miss Lizzie Brice, of Baltimore, will spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brice, of this place.

Mrs. Clara B. Seeney, of Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eben Crew, of this town.

Mrs. W. L. Turner visited friends at Middletown, Del., last week.

The ladies of the Christian Endeavor society, will hold a social and literary entertainment at Hotel Wilmer on Friday evening next, for the benefit of Betterton M. E. Church. As the object is a laudable one it is to be hoped that it will receive liberal patronage.

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned.—JOSH. EDGAR, Germantown, Cal. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

SUFFERED DEATH ON THE GIBBET.

Joe Wright Hanged for the Murder of William Newcomb.

STORY OF THE MURDER.

At twenty-three minutes to nine o'clock Friday morning, Joseph Wright forfeited his life on the scaffold for the murder of Wm. Newcomb. At the end of eleven minutes the physicians present—Drs. J. A. Catlin and H. L. Dodd—declared that the heart had ceased to beat, the neck being broken by the fall. There was absolutely no disorder. About one hundred and twenty-five curious white and colored people who crowded round the jail yard made no effort to tear boards from the fence. The condemned man's nerve forsook him at no time, and he advanced to the scaffold with firm step and without a waver of the voice as he bade good-bye.

Wright was furnished a nicely-prepared supper by Mrs. W. J. Vannort, which he greatly enjoyed at six o'clock. He went to sleep at ten o'clock and scarcely turned on his cot until three o'clock, when he awoke of his own accord and began to pray aloud in his cell. The prisoners in the jail commenced to sing hymns, in which the condemned man entered with great earnestness. He told the representative of the TRANSCRIPT that he expected to go to heaven. Several prisoners came down from the upper corridor between seven and eight o'clock and said good-bye. At half-past eight o'clock Deputy Sheriff Charles L. Gill opened the cell door and notified the prisoner to prepare.

Wright said: "I am ready to go." Rev. D. A. Ridout, who had administered to his spiritual necessities, besought him to "trust in the Lord," when Wright responded with feeling and evident sincerity, "I am trusting in the Lord." At 6.45 he ate heartily of a breakfast consisting of beefsteak, hot rolls, butter and coffee. He approached the steps of the gallows with firm step, but Deputy Gill took hold of his arm as he ascended. The preacher read a fervent prayer as the last details were being completed.

When asked if he had anything to say, he replied that he had not, asking, however, to see Sheriff Roe. He bade farewell to Deputy Gill and the death watch. Messrs. Connelly and Storke, thanking them for their kindness during his imprisonment.

His spiritual advisor, Rev. D. A. Ridout, offered the following prayer: "O, Lord, our Heavenly Father, into Thy presence we come this morning. We come, our Father, to plead with Thee in behalf of him who stands upon the verge of eternity. We ask Thee to save him now. We thank Thee, O Lord, that he realizes that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin. To his soul has that blood been applied, and he now expresses the desire of the Christian of living with Thee always. We thank Thee that Thou in Thy infinite wisdom and goodness has vouchsafed to him pardon for the crime for which he now must die, and also for the peace given to his soul. And into Thy hands do we commend his soul. May he find rest and peace in heaven, and may Thy blessings be bestowed upon all mankind for Thy Son's sake. Amen."

Just as the cap was being placed over his head a slight quiver of the voice was noticed as he uttered his last words on earth: "I am trusting in the Lord." The signal was given, and Sheriff Roe, standing somewhat below the floor of the scaffold, pushed the lever and the trap-door fell.

No provision having been made for the final disposition of the body by Wright's parents or friends, the remains were taken to the almshouse to be buried.

The hanging was private in every respect. Only the minister, Deputy Gill, representatives of the press and the two death-watch were on the scaffold. A few others were admitted to the jail enclosure by special permits from the sheriff.

During Wright's imprisonment he occupied the cell from which Tom Thompson was hung in 1892, and Friz Comegys, one of the boy murderers of Dr. J. Heighe Hill, was executed in 1894.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME.

Joseph Wright, the condemned man, was about twenty-one years of age. In a drunken brawl, at the "Big Woods," a negro village near Lynch's Station, on the night of November 4, 1897, he shot and instantly killed William Newcomb. He was tried at the April term of court for Kent county in 1898. The jury hung, standing eleven to one for murder in the first degree. The jury was discharged by the court, and upon motion of the State, the case was moved to Talbot county and tried at the May term, 1898, by a jury, which brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree; whereupon the case was appealed upon an exception on the evidence noted by Wright's counsel, Messrs. Richard D. Hynson and Harrison W. Vickers.

The printed evidence as sent to the Governor, showed that Wright is a young negro farm-hand; that he came to Kent county from Cecil county some years ago; that he was a good hand on the farm, and labored faithfully for the persons who employed him in the neighborhood; that he was on friendly terms with his victim, William Newcomb, who was a respectable and aged negro; that Newcomb had been very kind to Wright. He had boarded with Newcomb a year before the homicide, and owed Newcomb several dollars for board. He had told Wright that he could pay the money when it suited him to do so. No evidence was produced to show a previous quarrel, or a manifestation of ill-will from one to the other; that the parties lived close to each other, and met at the store almost every night; that Newcomb was a peaceful old man and good citizen, and lived alone.

The homicide took place at the store of William Simmons, a man of their own color. On the day of the homicide Wright had worked in the cornfield, and at the close of the day went to his abode. Late in the evening he met two friends at the store of William Simmons, one of whom (Anderson) suggested that they go to Kennedyville to get some whiskey, as he had one dollar and a half to spend. Wright, Hackett and Anderson went to Kennedyville and secured the whiskey, a quart and a half pint, and drank it before reaching Simmons' store. Hackett was drunk and unconscious. Wright and Anderson were also drunk. In leaving the store Anderson fell over the feet of Newcomb, and Wright without any apparent reason, started a quarrel with Newcomb about his treatment of Anderson, and without motive or premeditation fired the fatal shot in a drunken frenzy.

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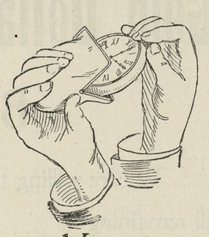

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