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ROCK HALL NEWS.

Mrs. Lucy Ashley, an estimable and highly accomplished lady and wife of Mr. Hayward Ashley, died on Monday last of congestion of the lungs, aged 27 years. While the fact of her illness was generally known, yet the announcement of her death on Monday was a surprise and shock to the entire community. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley have been married only a little more than one year. The entire village feel deep sympathy for the young widower in his sad bereavement. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon in the M. E. Church, conducted by the pastor, Mr. Roe, in the presence of a large number of people.

The Odd-Fellows, according to announcement, held a public installation of officers on Wednesday evening. A bountiful supper was first served at about six o'clock, to which ample justice was done by about 150 persons. Installation ceremonies commenced at 9 o'clock, conducted by the G. M., Augustus Boulden, assisted by G. S., John M. Jones, Special Deputy G. M. for German Lodges, Herman H. Kooke, and P. G., F. G. Maxwell, all of Baltimore. The newly installed officers of the lodge are as follows: N. G., G. T. Stevens; V. G., C. O. Donnelly; R. S., J. W. Boyer; F. S., M. L. Maslin; treasurer, J. A. Casey; marshal, J. E. Williams; chaplain, Geo. Davis; warden, B. H. Coburn; O. G., Frank Stevens; I. G., W. P. Middleton; R. S. to N. G., J. M. Hersch; L. S. to N. G., W. T. George; R. S. to V. G., J. W. Joiner; L. S. to V. G., R. J. Harrison; R. S. S., T. C. Kerr; trustees, A. Casey, J. M. Hersch, W. T. Harrison; representative to grand lodge, J. R. Ryan. After the officers were duly charged by the grand lodge officers, the G. M. delivered an able address on the origin of the order. Then followed the G. S. on the origin and progress of the order in a well prepared and masterly address. The D. G. M. of the German lodges then acquitted himself in a few well chosen remarks. Last, but not the least of the grand lodge members, Col. F. G. Maxwell, who being in an extremely humorous frame of mind, delivered an instructive and humorous address on the duties of the human race, as set forth in the beginning by the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift, which frequently brought down the house in uproarious laughter. Rev. Mr. Roe, of the M. E. Church, was then called, and he promptly responded in some well chosen remarks on man's duty to God, his fellow man and himself. All the above addresses were joyfully received by the audience. Several other short addresses were made by the lodge officers. Representatives of Amicable Lodge of Chestertown and Iris and Golden Rule Lodges of Baltimore were present by invitation. There were about 180 persons present, every one of whom seemed to enjoy the whole entertainment immensely, and all returned to their homes and boarding places with expressions of appreciation.

James H. Horney, the dashing and brave commander of the Helen M. Baughman, made his first arrest for illegal dredging on Monday last. The vessel captured was the schooner John Ludington.

One of the pastimes with a number of our watermen is hunting snapping turtles. On Tuesday last Messrs. W. T. and W. D. Downey in a short time secured quite a number of the mud residents. They then retraced their steps homeward. On arriving at the home of W. T., where the ladies' aid society had just adjourned a meeting they had been holding there, the ladies were about starting for their homes, when on reaching the porch they espied the two men, one having a turtle under each arm and the other with one in his hand. They seemed to become bewildered and transfixed to the spot, not knowing whether to proceed or retreat. The two men with the turtles, taking in the situation at a glance, concluded to steal in the house and have some fun; but their attempt was frustrated by the ladies, who then had the laugh on their side. R.

Needs of the Oyster.

Your remarks in the NEWS of the 16th were very much to the point on the oyster question. The proposed law is at fault in allowing any per centage of small oysters to be taken; three per cent. each time very quickly amounts to a hundred per cent. or all; each oysterman has his mark or measure on his culling board, or "ought to have," and need make no mistake. The inspector appointed should be appointed for the whole year, so as to stop the summer oystermen. Fifteen miles is too long a route; most oysters are taken on a calm day, and it would make a long route over which to row three or four times a day; it is true he could catch and examine the oysters at the buying boats, but as his time is up at 6 o'clock P. M., and he starts out at 8 A. M., it leaves an interval in which persons, so disposed, could sell their small oysters and have them hidden in the general cargo; his time should be from sun-up until the boats are done selling to the buying boats, and though not compelled to remain on his beat, his authority as an officer should continue day and night, from the time he is appointed till discharged, or he resigns. The law makes no provision for the counties receiving part of the license fees, this should be attended to; there should be one-half for the schools and one-half for the county issuing the license, with power for the county commissioners to use any surplus over the wages of the inspectors, to put on specials any time, when needed. The inspector should have the power to verbally summons any one he caught to appear at a certain time at the nearest place before a magistrate, so that he would not be obliged to leave his beat with every offender; any person disobeying such summons to be taken by a constable or a sheriff and subject to extra penalty. I hope our legislature will take care that these things are done, and give time and careful attention to the bill so that we may have a good and permanent bill.

HIVER.

MARRIED.

At the home of the bride, near Galena, Jan. 20th, 1892, at 1.30 P. M., by Rev. E. H. Nelson, LEMUEL MARK, of Baltimore, and Miss ADDIE V. WALTERS, of Kent co.

In Kennedyville, Jan. 27, 1892, by Rev. E. H. Nelson, SAMUEL B. FRAZER, of Cecil county, and Miss KATIE GAREY, of Kent county.

DIED.

In Chestertown, Jan. 26, 1892, JAMES KELLY, aged 79 years 7 months and 14 days.

From sickness, pain and sorrow
My darling husband's free;
I could not give him up dear Lord,
To any one but Thee.—HIS WIFE.

Oh, father, must we give you up?
'Tis you we loved so well;
How can we drink the bitter cup,
And say a long and last farewell?
—CHILDREN.

Kennedyville Notes.

The Methodist Aid Society held its monthly meeting in the hall, Friday night, Jan. 22d. The exercises consisted of recitations, reading, music, &c.

Rev. Q. L. Morrow has been away during the week lecturing. While he was preaching last Sunday night a thief forced an entrance into the parsonage pantry and stole a basket of sausage and other eatables. Mrs. Morrow was upstairs in the library at the time, and becoming frightened locked the library door to keep the intruder below stairs.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Rachel Archibald, daughter of the late Wm. Archibald, to Mr. Harry Hill, son of Mr. Samuel Hill near Locust Grove.

Mr. John R. Bennett and daughter, Mrs. John Shallcross, left here Thursday for Charlotte, Va., where Mrs. Shallcross will make her future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Redmile returned home from Wilmington, where they have been visiting for two weeks past. Mrs. R. was sick with the la grippe when she arrived home.

The la grippe is losing its hold slowly and we think one or two more cold snaps will sever its connection from this community.

Mr. L. C. Justis, has purchased of John T. Moffett, the fine Hambletonian stallion Tom Sullivan, raised by the late John Scotten and has also purchased a full-bred registered Holstein-Friesian bull, of the herd of Nelson Warren & Son, of Newark, Del. We understand that Mr. P. A. M. Brooks also purchased one of these magnificent animals.

The cattle announced to be sold here by Mr. Perkins were all sold, realizing even better prices than the previous lots. One cow, a very fine animal was sold to Mr. James Newcomb for $75.

The people are filling their ice houses as fast as possible. The ice is very good being from five to six inches thick. The creamery ice house is full. Mr. Shafer had quite a number of teams hauling for several days.

Kennedyville was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday, Jan. 27th. The contracting parties being Miss Kate Garey, daughter of Mr. James Garey and Mr. Samuel B. Frazier, of near Cecilton. At one o'clock the ceremony was performed by Rev. E. H. Nelson, of Galena. The bride was dressed in a very becoming shade of Nile Green Drette, trimmed with velvet of a darker shade. The groom wore the conventional black. Dinner was served from one to three, after which the bride and groom started for their home near Cecilton amidst a shower of old shoes and rice. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Price, Mrs. Pennington and son, Miss Delia Crossly, Miss Racie Archibald, Mr. J. F. Walbert, Mr. H. Rhoads, Mr. Jos. Weer and Dr. Urie. The bride and groom were the recipients of many nice and useful presents.

Reply to Mr. Ryan.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In justice to the Seventh Day Adventists now at Rock Hall and Edesville, I will ask you to publish the following *facts*, as parties living away from here may not be mislead. Mr. Ryan in your recent issue gave only one side of the question, I will try to give you the other side as far as I can glean the *truth*. Mr. Ryan says these men are trying to sow discord in the *several* churches. The above statement is not true as the Wesley Chapel minister is willing to thank God to see good done by any denomination, and Mr. Roe the pastor of the M. E. Church certainly did begin the trouble by a regular tirade against these men, and abundance of evidence can be produced that he used language unbecoming a minister of Christ. We ask the good thinking people to look at the spirit manifested by these men who are opposing the two Adventists for preaching bible doctrine, (and they don't preach anything but bible.) They are treated as thieves and rascals by men who profess christianity. Is this the doctrine of Christ? Is this the new commandment of him who said love them that *hate* you? The gentlemen who are preaching here are willing to be tested by the *bible*, not by blatant assertions. When Mr. Ryan says they bought meat and stamps on Sabbath, he says what is not true as Mr. Franke told him before a store full of people long before his article was published that they kept Sabbath from sunset to sunset (the bible plan.) Dr. Adam Clarke, the Methodist commentator, says in his comment on Matt. 8, 16: "The Sabbath doth not enter but when the sun is set, hence it was that the sick were not brought out to our Lord till after sunset because then the Sabbath was ended."

Now in regard to buying meat on Sabbath the gentlemen are willing to go before a 'squire and make affidavit that they never bought meat or anything else before sunset on the Sabbath day and Mr. Judefind and his entire family can make affidavit that the gentlemen were both at their house all the afternoon and ate supper with them by lamp light on the day they said the meat was bought. When these men were spoken to about replying to Mr. Ryan they said it was not worth while as honest people can judge by the spirit of the writing and also of the writer. They say that they do not say anything about a man when they can't speak well of him and as they have not yet heard anything good of the writer of that article they will not say anything about him. Mr. Ryan says their contemptible conduct during service in the M. E. Church almost led the trustees to go to them requesting them to be more respectful. The fact is they did behave just as good as anybody who went to church, they did kneel in church and in fact found the floor so besmeared with tobacco juice that they simply bowed their heads next time. We suppose they object to these gentlemen taking notes on paper but this is honorable but the secret is simply this, they fear their own statements when they are just down in black and white such as "spiritual burglars," "foreigners" and "cannabals" and advising men to band together; is this fit language to be used by a christian minister in the pulpit? We might add that number of witness say these gentlemen bow and act just as they do in their own meeting. Its the old story, Paul says, "All who will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Mr. Roe's course was certainly shameful as many of his own number can testify and Mr. Ryan adds insult to injury. But these men hold nothing against them. They simply say, "If they did these things to Christ they will do them to others who follow Christ."

The Seventh Day Adventists' work is not new in this or other States; they number over 35,000 (this is the inside figures;) they have conferences in almost every State in the Union; they have also extended their work to England, Sweden, Norway, France, Germany, Italy, Australia, New Zealand and the Islands of the sea. They have just built a large mission ship called the Pitcam after a whole island of the Pacific which accepted these views; this boat cost about $17,000; they have one of the largest publishing houses in the world at Battle Creek, Mich., the largest publishing house on the Pacific coast in Oakland, Cal.; a publishing house in Australia and London, Basel, Switzerland; office in New York, Chicago, New Orleans, New Zealand, Norway and Germany; so it can be seen by the intelligent that they are doing some good.

In conclusion I will state that this is my first and last communication on this subject and I would not have taken it up this time but I do love to see justice done to all men. Now, Messrs. Editors, I thank you very much for this valuable space.

Edesville, Jan. 19. T. H. S.

NEW STORE.—Mr. A. F. Eskridge, of Pocomoke City, has moved to Chestertown and will open a store in the Westcott building, near Westcott & Dodd.

THE oysterman have not had a week of good oystering weather since Christmas.

OYSTERS sold for $1.20 per gallon in town this week.

Galena Locals.

Those who have ice-houses in this town and vicinity filled them last week with a good quality of ice about four inches thick. All had their houses ready, and as soon as the ice got thick enough they went to work at it and got through in about two days.

There are a good many cases of the grip yet in the neighborhood. Mr. Thomas Brown has been quite ill for several days past with typhoid pneumonia, and is still very low. He was first attacked with grip. He was attended by Dr. Latimer.

A Mrs. Voshell, living near here, went to visit her daughter near Middletown, Del., week before last, and while there she was attacked with grip, which developed into pneumonia, and in two or three days the lady died. She was a very large woman, weighing about 300 pounds.

Last week our undertaker was requested to send and take the measure for a coffin for a colored man who had been laid out. The undertaker sent his assistant, a colored man, to get the measure. When he came back he was asked for the measure. His reply was, "Bress de Lord, boss, de man ain't dead." This was early in the morning, but he died that night.

Rev. Mr. Nelson is still holding his extra meetings, and the attendance is fairly good.

The steamer Trumpeter is laid up at Georgetown on account of the ice.

Our public pump is in good working order and is a great convenience to several houses that never had water so close before, especially this cold weather.

Our creamery paid for milk last month $1.20 per 100 pounds.

Mr. John D. Boyd is building a neat little house on the street leading to the Phelps property.

Rumor says that Mr. Heston Hicks will open store here early in the spring on his own account. P.

Worton News.

Everything is moving along as smoothly as possible; indeed, I think that we are a happy community. We are sorry to hear of the discord in religious matters that is manifesting itself at Rock Hall. We hope they will soon come together and be found working together for the cause of God. We should all remember one of the grandest rights of a citizen of this Republic is the freedom of speech, so we do not maliciously prosecute our fellowman.

What a tempest in a teapot did "Taxpayer" with his conversation between A. and C. create. He had some good points in his favor. I saw an account in the NEWS last week of the county commissioners' meeting in Baltimore, and must say that I can see nothing in their actions that tended toward the lowering of taxes for the farmer. They propose a law that the commissioners meet in counsel once every year. Would it not be well to restrict the number that shall attend such meeting of each county to the Presidents of the boards? The term should be longer, giving at least five years, electing a commissioner from each district and elect in rotation, that will give four men on the board that are conversant with the customs and requirements of the office all the time. [Good suggestions.]

Politics were at fever heat with us the past week. We were in hopes that the Senatorship would fall to Hon. James A. Pearce, but we must bow to the inevitable and congratulate Mr. Gibson with as good grace as we can muster.

We were pleased to see our neighbor, Med. Rasin, get a place, for he earned it and is worthy of it. To all who think they ought to have gotten a place we would say "blessed are they who expect but little for their disappointment shall not be great. What fools we mortals be to believe what the average man will tell us in politics.

Our friend Tom has concluded it is not good for man to be alone and is going to take unto himself a helpmate. Cards are out for the wedding on Feb. 10. We extend congratulations.

Those having ice houses are at work filling them with 4 to 5 inch ice.

There is a disease existing among some flocks of sheep in this neighborhood. It is something like the rot and has proved fatal in some flocks. Messrs. A. L., John W., George Bowers and others have lost quite a number. We would be glad to hear of a remedy from the agricultural editor of the NEWS.

Navigation has been blockaded by ice in Worton creek the past week. We miss our boat very much. OCCASIONAL.

[An article on the rot was published in the NEWS a short time ago.—EDS.]

La Grippe has given us a pretty good shaking up around here, and some have been quite sick, but no deaths in our immediate vicinity. Most of those attacked are convalescent. Squire Beck has had a severe attack but we learn is now much better. Mr. George Pell, Mr. Zeb Hubbard and Mrs. Annie Moffitt have all been down with the grip at the home of Mr. W. W. Parks but they are all improving.

Mr. W. W. Parsons has had joy come into his home by the arrival of a little daughter. We congratulate Will.

Mr. Beerer, who came from Centreville a few days ago on a visit to Mrs. Peter Clare, was taken very ill with grip; we have not heard from him today. He is in good hands for Mrs. Clare and her lovely daughter Molly will not let him suffer.

We are informed that our very worthy citizen, Mr. Hyland P. Smith, is much improved after an illness of many weeks. OBSERVER.

Court News.

Orphans Court, Jan. 26, 1892. Present judges Harris, Moffett and Burgess. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Ella V. Bowers, late of Kent county, deceased, were granted D. U. Dewees, who filed his bond in the sum of $1000. The will of Sarah C. Rodgers was filed for probate.

County commissioners met Jan. 26, 1892, with full board present. C. F. Spinney, representing the Wrought Iron Bridge Company, of Canton, Ohio, appeared before the board for settlement for Sparks' mill bridge, which the committee had declined to accept because of the deficiency in the measurement of the top plate under the contract. After full explanation and illustration by the agent to show that the deficiency in no manner impaired the strength of the structure, and after exacting a written guarantee from said agent as to the bridge being in all other respects as per contract, and especially as to the weight it will carry, an order was passed accepting said bridge and directing the payment of contract price by order on funds provided in the hands of the treasurer. Hope H. Barroll, attorney, settled by check the amount due Kent county for use of Maryland Hospital for support, etc., of James H. Hadaway in said institution for the year 1891, which check was directed to be remitted to said institution. Wm. M. Johnson, J. P., acting coroner, returned inquisition held on the body of Thomas Campbell, colored, killed at Millington, which was accepted by order of board, and tax-cost ordered to be provided for by levy in 1892. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy in 1892.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—The Baltimore pape yesterday quote as follows:

WHEAT—Longberry, good to prime $1.00@$1.02.
CORN—White and Yellow, 50@51c.
OATS—37@38c.

DR. W. E. BARNARD,
DENTIST,
STILL POND, - - - MARYLAND,
Has located permanently, and will be in attendance daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Howard, for all duties pertaining to Dentistry. m23.

THE EXECUTION!

TOM THOMPSON!

Expiates His Crime!

ON THE GALLOWS!

His Remarkable Bearing

Just at Daylight the Drop Falls!

The Crowds Disappointed

NOT A SINGLE MISHAP!

SCENES AND INCIDENTS!

At exactly 6.35 o'clock yesterday morning the majesty of the law was vindicated and Tom Thompson, the man who stabbed to death "Bully Adams" on the night of August 22, paid the penalty of his crime upon the scaffold. The execution took place in the jail yard and was conducted under the personal supervision of Sheriff Plummer. There was not a hitch in the whole proceedings, and the condemned man died almost instantly. The bones in his neck were separated by the fall, which was about five feet. Sheriff Plummer sprung the trap himself.

We visited Thompson several times this week during the erection of the scaffold. He could plainly see and hear Mr. Joiner hammering and sawing, but said he did not mind it, as he was ready to meet his fate. Watchman Dugan offered to cover the doorway to prevent his seeing the fatal machine, but this offer he politely refused. A very solicitous and friendly letter was received from a colored woman of his acquaintance in Philadelphia, giving advice and counsel in his time of trouble. She directed his thoughts to God, who was the only one able to help him. Tom dictated to Mr. Dugan an answer, in which he stated that he felt forgiven and was prepared to meet his God. Quite a number of white people have visited him the past week, to each of whom Tom's advice was to prepare for the hereafter before it is too late.

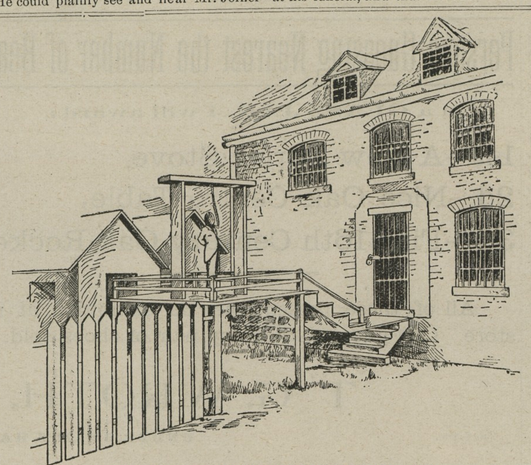
During Thursday from early morning a steady stream of visitors were admitted to see the condemned man, and Watchman Dugan estimates the number at nearly 1,000. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. S. C. Roberts and R. Irving Watkins at 9 A. M. To all callers Tom talked cheerfully and asked them to meet him in heaven. At 6 o'clock he commenced a letter to his father and relatives, a copy of which is now before us. In this letter he states that the Lord has forgiven his sins, and that he can speak it not only with his lips but from the depths of his heart. He ate a very hearty supper, consisting of a large piece of steak, three tea cakes and some baked beans. Previous to eating his supper he had eaten a dozen fried oysters, given to him by Mr. Dugan. After eating his supper he stated that he never felt better in his life. About 7 o'clock the guards began to arrive, and Tom wanted to know what was to be done. When told the object of the guards he said that it was unnecessary to have them, as he would not give any trouble. The singing band, including members of church choirs in town, arrived at 9.15 P. M. and remained until after ten, singing and praying. It certainly was a touching scene when each one of the singers bade the condemned man farewell. But before they left him he thanked them for their kindness in singing to him and stated that their songs had reached the Saviour's throne and he felt greatly encouraged. After all had left the prison corridor the reporter of the NEWS tarried some time with the prisoner, at his request, reading the scriptures and conversing with him.

At 12 o'clock the reporter was relieved by Prof. Stratton, of Quaker Neck, who read to him until 1.30 A. M., when he took the last sleep of his life, requesting to be waked up at 4 o'clock, but he slept only a few minutes. About 2 A. M. he sent for Sheriff Plummer and his estimable wife. He feelingly thanked the sheriff and his deputies for their kindness and said that it would be impossible for a prisoner to be treated better. He told Mrs. Plummer that he highly appreciated her kindness and that she seemed like a mother to him.—He requested a nice piece of beefsteak for his breakfast, which Mrs. Plummer provided him. At 4 A. M. the three prisoners who have been incarcerated with Thompson were permitted to see him and Tom feelingly bid them farewell and told them to prepare for the future. Romie Wickes was much affected and so were they all, and made tearful promises for the future.

A hot breakfast of beefsteak, bread and butter and coffee, was served the prisoner but he refused to eat saying that he was not hungry. He lay in his cell diligently reading his bible until 5 A. M., when Rev. R. Irving Watkins, his spiritual adviser; Rev. S. C. Roberts, Rev. F. S. Dennis, representatives of the press, his lawyers, several physicians and others arrived, when a service of prayer and song was held. Tom offered a prayer that seemed to come from the heart, invoking God's help to himself and his protection to his relatives; he also asked that those who have been watching him might soon be brought to Christ. It was the prayer of a humble, penitent soul, and his spiritual advisers have the utmost confidence in his salvation. He was not apprised of the hour until within a few hours of the time and then he coldly asked "what time are you going to hang me?" Such courage as he displayed was marvellous. He joined lustily in singing all the hymns that were sung to him. The foregoing was one scene, while in other parts of the jail another scene was being enacted. Deputies Dugan, Storks and F. Plummer were busy receiving deputies and those who held tickets to the execution. Mr. T. J. Joiner had charge of the guard which was stationed at different quarters of the jail yard. Edward J. Spear and H. Hickes had charge of the first district men; Chas. Gill, the second; Jas. Harris and Robert Carter, the third; Tylden Brice and Prof. Stratton the fifth. The men were well-behaved and acted in a soldierly manner. They numbered 100.

His Confession.

Tom has talked quite freely during his imprisonment and at all times has been in a cheerful mood. He stated to us that Mr Dugan had helped to keep him lively and that he certainly appreciated his many favors to him. And this was the way he spoke of Watchman Storks and others. He requested that his kindest regards be given to all his sympathizers and that they try to meet him in Heaven. He stated to Mr. Dugan that the trouble with Adams grew out of playing crap and that Kate Mitchell had nothing to do with it. He says that he is very sorry for his crime, but doubly so when he remembers that the murdered man had not a single moment to make his peace with God. He also states that he stabbed Adams with a two-bladed penknife which he bought of the late Mr. Dilhofer, and for which he paid forty cents. After the cutting Tom says he went home and either placed the knife in his desk or laid it on the table. The blade was about five inches long and an inch wide. He requested that Richard Murray, Alonzo Lloyd, Emory Lively, George Barnes, Wm. Beverly and Aleck Chaney act as pall-bearers at his funeral, and that Rev. Mr. Watkins preach the sermon, which request was granted. He also asked that the 13th chapter of St. Luke from third to fifth verses be read at the funeral. Tom stated to Rev. Mr. Watkins that he procured the two case-knives before his trial, while Mr. Comegys was sheriff, having received them with his meals. He says that Thomas Bowser, who for a while was in the cell with him, advised him to conceal the knives for future use. He also states that he and Adams were more intoxicated than was brought out at the trial.



A VIEW OF THE SCAFFOLD WITH THE "BOX" REMOVED.

The Last Scene.

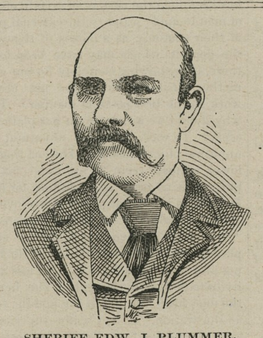
At 6.20 o'clock Tom was told to prepare for the last act in the fearful drama. When Deputies Dugan, Greenwood, Joiner and Storks entered the cell Tom gave himself up into their charge and nerved himself for the final act. His hands were first fettered with handcuffs and then his arms were pinioned with rope. He was asked if he had any preference as to whether his hands were tied in front or behind but he replied it made no difference. The leg irons were removed and the slow and solemn march through the corridor to the scaffold was commenced. He was supported to the foot of the steps by Revs. R. Irving Watkins and F. S. Dennis and there they bade him farewell. Tom walked with a firm step and mounted the scaffold without assistance. He has never made any sign of weakening and showed more nerve than ever. He was led directly under the dangling noose. Close beside him stood John H. Greenwood, William W. Newcomb, T. Jefferson Joiner, and A. I. Dugan; on the first step stood Sheriff Plummer with his hand on the trap lever while a few steps below stood the NEWS reporter. Around the boxed scaffold stood the hundred guards while in the corridor stood representatives of other papers, doctors, and others. The condemned man's limbs were tied, during which he showed no signs of weakness and just before the cap was placed over his head he said "you have all treated me well and I haven't a word of complaint, good-by." The noose was then adjusted by Mr. W. W. Newcomb and as the hands of the clock pointed to twenty-five minutes of seven Sheriff Plummer sprung the trap.

There was a distinct swish as the doors to the trap sprung apart and the man shot down. The drop was nearly five feet, and his death must have been instantaneous. There were a few convulsive motions, then all was quiet and the body hung still. The body was examined by Drs. Hines, Whaland, Kelley, Cooper and Wethered, and all pronounced death to have been almost instantaneous, resulting from the severance of the bones in the neck. The body was allowed to hang twenty minutes, when it was cut down and given to Undertaker Dodd for burial.

The scaffold was erected in the jail yard fronting on Cross street by Mr. T. J. Joiner under instructions from the sheriff. The style of trap was after that suggested by Auctioneer Greenwood. The structure was of firstclass material and was strong in every part. From the gallows-beam to the ground was 14 feet, 7½ feet from the ground to the first platform and 6½ from the platform to the beam. The material used for the beam, braces, etc., were 4 by 6 inches. The lower portion of the scaffold from the ground to the platform was entirely open with a pair of steps leading up. From the platform to the beam was enclosed box-like on three sides and on the top, the side next to the jail from which Thompson entered being left open. A four foot drop was given and though the stretch had been taken out of the rope an allowance of 1½ feet was made for a stretching of the rope. A three quarter inch cotton rope purchased of J. K. Aldridge was used.

The condemned prisoner was born in Chestertown, and is the son of Richard Thompson, who is now living in Chestertown near Calvert street. He was six feet and a-half inches tall, weight 180 lbs. and 24 years of age. He was very muscular and of large bone. He has been in the employ for a number of years at Mr. Wm. H. Cacy's phosphate factory. He was a great baseball player and beat the kettle drum in the uptown colored band.

The funeral services were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the Bethel A. M. E. Church, conducted by Revs. R. Irving Watkins and F. S. Dennis. The church was packed with people and the procession to the cemetery was more than a square in length. Friends of the deceased had purchased a lot in the colored people's cemetery and it was there that the body was taken.



SHERIFF EDW. J. PLUMMER.

Sheriff Plummer and his watchmen, Messrs. Dugan and Storks, are to be congratulated upon the wisdom shown in the management and successful culmination of this sad affair. It could not have been carried out more perfectly.

Story of His Crime.

The crime for which Thompson was hanged was the killing of a colored man, "Bully" Adams, on Saturday night, August 22. The following testimony given at the trial will tell the whole history.

Becky Medford stated that she saw Thompson and Adams go by her door the night of the murder and that Thompson was swearing. Tom called for Kate Mitchell three times but she made no answer. "Tom told her it was very funny she refused to come to him and turning to Adams said 'I believe you have been with this s—— of a b—— and I'll fix him to-night. Adams was in his shirt sleeves and had his coat on his arm; he said nothing. Tom did not go near Adams, but went up towards his home and Adams started down town. I saw Tom when he came back walking very fast, but could not see anything in his hand."

Eliza Chambers said: "I was going down town in company with Tom Lankford and saw several men sitting on Carrie Wright's steps. After we had passed I heard Tom ask the men if they had seen a man go by and Chaney said 'no' but another man said 'yes' and if you run fast you can catch him! Tom ran by me and soon called to a man ahead 'hold on there, you s—— of a b——, I want you; but the man kept on and I heard Tom say 'you ain't going to stop are you, but I will show you.' I heard not a word from Adams. I saw Tom raise his hand and strike Adams and then run towards the railroad. Adams was down on his hands and knees and I could hear the blood gurgling. Lankford told me to come on that the man was not cut but was throwing up. I said I was going to tell and Lankford told me if I did he would not walk uptown with me. 'You haven't got a d—— thing to do with it.'

Sarah Garnett said that she and Will Beverly were sitting on Ben Redding's steps when Tom came up from the direction of the pump and talked with Will. Tom said that he had asked Adams for his dice and he had cut him. Tom said he then went home and got his knife and caught Adams near Cox's house and there he soused it into him like that (indicating.) Sarah stated that Tom showed them the knife and it was a butcher knife.

Wm. Beverly testified to the same effect saying that the knife blade was about four inches long. "I saw no cut, but saw blood on Tom's clothes. His shirt was cut."

Henry Johnson testified to having heard Tom tell Will Beverly that he had killed Adams.

Constable Miller stated that he arrested Tom about ½ of a mile on this side of Galena. "I passed by him and then came back and called him by his name Tom. He replied that his name was not Tom but that it was Hezekiah Brown. I said well, you are the man I want, and I put the handcuffs on him. As soon as I looked at the marks on his hand he said that he was my man and that he had killed Bully Adams.

The case was ably argued before the jury by State's Attorney Smith for the State and by James A. Pearce and Lewin W. Wickes, Esqs., for the prisoner. The case was given to the jury at six o'clock and after being out fifteen minutes they brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. The court room was packed when the jury returned and the crowd awaited with bated breath the announcement of the verdict. The jury was: J. F. Wilson, foreman; D. E. Jewell, Joseph Rasin, J. M. Comegys, T. W. Eliason, Jr., C. C. Brown, W. F. Melvin, Samuel Mallalieu, G. W. Harper, W. T. Jones, J. W. Roeder and J. R. Bowers.

The following death warrant was read to the prisoner on Dec. 3, 1891:

THE STATE OF MARYLAND,
TO THE SHERIFF OF KENT COUNTY, GREETING:

WHEREAS, Thomas Thompson was convicted in the circuit court for Kent county at October term, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety one, of the murder of William Adams and whereas, the said circuit court for Kent county has sentenced him, the said Thomas Thompson to be hung by the neck until he be dead;

Now, therefore, these are to will and require, as also to charge and command you, that, at or before the hour of two o'clock, P. M., on Friday, the 29th day of January next 1892, you take him, the said Thomas Thompson from your prison, and him safely convey to the gallows in the county aforesaid, the place of the execution of malefactors, and then and there the said Thomas Thompson hang by the neck until he be dead. For all which this shall be your sufficient warrant and authority.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis, on the 24th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1891.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.

E. W. LECOMPT, Secretary of State.

Saturday, Dec. 18, the irons were found to have been cut by an old case knife and a few days later the following letter was found on him:

"Thomas Taylor and myself are going out this Jail I am goeing to Knock the Sheriff Down I am goeing to Kill him if i can I am got the chain cut off my legs and I am goeing to go out it The people Shoot me and don't you boys tell on me I am goin to try to Break this week I Believe I can get away with Both of them. T. H. THOMPSON,
In Chestertown Jail.

P. S.—Good By Rome may the Lord Be with you until We meet Again. [Here is drawn the picture of a woman.]

Married in Winter.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Dr. Samuel G. Fisher, Clerk of the circuit court, during January.

TO WHITE COUPLES.—Wm. Albert Joiner and Katharine Clara Wells; Frank H. Meeks and Dora Belle Scotten; Gideon F. Clark and Mary A. Wood; William H. Eisenbrey and Mary M. Straughn; James W. Crouch and Linda A. Watson; Charles Edward Carty and Mary Turner; Frank Baker Toulson and Phonnie Watts; Wm. H. Erskine and Sallie E. Shaw; Samuel T. Smith and Ida L. Lambdin; Richard Queen and Eliza Voshell; Lemuel Mark and Adaline V. Walters; James Alfred Perkins, Jr., and Ella C. Thomas; Sam'l B. Frazier and Katie Garey.

TO COLORED COUPLES.—Charles Edgar Wilmore and Anna Matilda Johnson; William Leonard Meads and Evelina Wright; Perry Anderson and Mattie Woolford; Henry Johns and Lucy Brown; Perry Barroll and Mamie Wison; John Hyson and Susan Phillips; Henry Smith and Betty Lee Murray; Richard O. Barroll and Emma Redding; William Groome and Elenora Philips; Alfred Brown and Sarah Hinterm.

REV. W. M. STRAYER, President of the Maryland Annual Conference will preach in WESLEY CHAPEL M. P. CHURCH, next Sunday morning and evening. All are cordially invited to attend.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WORTON—Preaching next Sabbath, Jan. 31, at 7.15 P. M., by Rev. A. EDWIN KEIGWIN. Subject: "Americus usque ad aras." Sabbath-school at the usual hour in the morning.

CHRIST M. P. CHURCH—10½ A. M., sermon by the pastor, REV. D. L. GREENFIELD. Theme: "Wise Imprudence!" 7½ P. M., REV. F. T. TAGG, of Easton, Md.; Sabbath school 9½ A. M. and 2½ P. M. The house will be warm and you will be welcome.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—REV. R. IRVING WATKINS, pastor. Sabbath services: 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Evening: "Sunday as a Civil Institution," the second of the Sunday series; Sabbath school 2½ P. M.; Epworth League 6½ P. M.

ST. JAMES M. P. CHURCH—S. B. TREDWAY, Pastor. REV. F. T. TAGG, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, will preach at St. James Church, next Sabbath 31st, at 10.30 A. M., and at Lynches Chapel at 3 P. M. The public are cordially invited to these interesting services.

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Homeopathist,
CHESTERTOWN - - - MARYLAND.
OFFICE at his mother's residence.

DR. THOMAS H. COOPER,
HOMEOPATHIST,
Chestertown, Maryland, opposite Voshell House.
Office hours from 9 A. M. to 12 M., 3 to 4 P. M. and 6 to 9 P. M., Sunday excepted.

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I.

1. Ordinary Life Policies are returning from 20 to 52 per cent. in excess of their cash cost, according to age of insured. (See example below.)
2. Twenty-Year Endowment Policies are returning from 58 to 71 per cent. in excess of their cash cost, according to age of insured. (See example below.)
3. Limited-Payment Life Policies are returning from 43 to 141 per cent. in excess of their cash cost, according to age of insured. (See example below.)

EXAMPLES OF MATURING POLICIES:

		COST.	CASH VALUE.
1. Policy taken at age 40	$ 2,000,	$1,402,	$ 1,757.76.
2. Policy taken at age 30	5,000,	4,853,	8,238.45.
3. Policy taken at age 37,	10,000,	7,166,	10,338.40.

These returns are made to members after the company has carried the insurance on the respective policies for twenty years.

II.

1. Persons insured under Ordinary Life Policies may IN LIEU OF THE ABOVE CASH VALUE, continue their insurance, at ORIGINAL RATES, and receive CASH DIVIDENDS of from 71 to 115 per cent. of all premiums that have been paid, and Annual Dividends hereafter as they accrue. (See example below.)
2. Persons insured under Limited Payment Life Policies may IN LIEU OF ABOVE CASH VALUE continue their insurance, WITHOUT FURTHER PAYMENTS, and receive CASH DIVIDENDS of from 67 to 163 per cent. of all premiums that have been paid, and Annual Dividends hereafter as they accrue. (See example below.)

EXAMPLES OF DIVIDENDS:

1. Policy (see above) may be continued for the original amount at original rates with actual dividends, amounting to $980.62 may be withdrawn in cash.
2. Policy (see above) may be continued without further payments receiving annual dividends and the accumulated dividends, amounting to $4,820.30 may be withdrawn in cash.

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