The Kent News.

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CHESTERTOWN, MD.,.....MAY 21, 1892.

GEORGIA is the latest addition to the Cleveland column. The promise for his nomination is better to-day than ever. Very few of the States have instructed their delegates but a large majority of those selected up to date are Cleveland men, and they will be sure to do their favorite full justice.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

Celebration of First Anniversary of Maxwell Lodge.

Maxwell Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., celebrated their first anniversary by holding an open meeting for their families and friends, at their quarters in Pythian Hall. The program was simple, but very appropriate, as follows:

Overture.....Prof. A. L. Judefind
Singing, Opening Ode of the Lodge.....Choir
Prayer.....by chaplin, Geog. Davis
Singing: Friendship, Love and Truth.....Choir
Introductory remarks.....P. G., J. R. Ryan
Singing, America.....Choir
History of Odd Fellowship in America...P. G. Ryan
Singing, Hark, the Distant Pealing Bells.....Choir
Selection, Friendship.....Miss Clara Middleton
Instrumental Music.....Prof. A. L. Judefind, Wm. E. Wilson and Maney Miller.
Reading, True Fellowship.....Milton L. Muslin
Song, Come Again With Singing.....Choir
Selection, An Incident of Three Links of Odd Fellowship, Rhoda Downey.
Song, The May Shout.....Choir
Address—Col. F. G. Maxwell, of Monumental Lodge No. 14, of Baltimore.
Singing—by Mail Quartette, A. L. Judefind, Joseph Kendall, Chas. Judefind and C. L. Hynson.
Selection, Distrust.....Charles Porter
Instrumental Music, with Violin and Autoharp, Messrs. Judefind, Wilson and Miller.
Recitation, Light in the Darkness.....Mamie A. Ryan
Selection, How a Lady Kept a Secret.....Jos. Saylor
Singing.....Choir
Reading, Daughters of Rebekah.....Jos. Saylor
Song, Serenade.....Choir
Address.....E. C. Reiche, of Amicable Lodge, No. 117, of Chestertown.
Song, Moonlight Sail.....Choir
Address.....Capt. Jas. W. Thompson, of Amicable Lodge, No. 117.
Song, by Male and Female Quartette, Mrs. A. J. Roe, Mrs. M. E. Downey, Charles Judefind and William N. Ayres.
Address, A. J. Abrams, of Monumental Lodge, No. 14

Mr. E. C. Reiche, of Chestertown, then made a few remarks in eulogy of Maxwell Lodge, for their splendid entertainment, after which the members of Amicable Lodge, present, tendered a vote of thanks to Prof. Judefind and those engaged in the various parts of the program, and then withdrew to start for Chestertown, as the hour was 11, and having 14 miles to travel. Order being restored, appropriate remarks were made commending Prof. Judefind and choir, also Prof. Wilson, Mr. Miller and all connected with the programme for the the very excellent manner in which the same was rendered. The closing ode of the order was then sung, and the evening's entertainment ended amidst happy greetings and best wishes that each recurring anniversary may be celebrated with becoming interest and dignity, and that each member may show to those who are not of us, that we revere the order that has scattered so many millions in charity, that cares for its sick, buries its dead, protects the widow and educates the orphan. Among the many good things during the evening were the addresses of Col. Maxwell, Secretary Reiche and Capt. Thompson, also a beautiful and touching incident of a child being found by her father, years after being shipwrecked, from the fact that a shawl had been pinned around her with the three links, badge of the order, which led to her restoration in a lodge which the father had visited in a strange land, rendered by Miss Rhoda Downey, in an impressive manner. Maxwell Lodge has a membership of 80, with about $700 in hand and in bank, and an outfit costing $150, and the latch-string of its door hangs out as a reminder that all qualified men are invited to come and sup with us. Monumental Lodge, No. 114, the mother of our lodge, acknowledges with becoming pride, the success of her offspring, and the Grand Lodge of Maryland has proclaimed her entitled to all the rights and privileges of Odd Fellowship by granting her a charter to take the place of the dispensation under which she has been working the past year. Among the visitors of the order not already mentioned, were Capt. Jack Anthony, Capt. James Thompson, Wm. A. Wheatley, Chas. Reiche and John R. Rollison, of Amicable Lodge, No. 117; John R. Hirsch, of Iris Lodge, No. 48; G. T. Dawson, of Bayside Lodge, No. 66. The following reply from Capt. Joe Thompson to an invitation to Amicable Lodge from the Lodge here, came to us on Thursday evening of the entertainment:

Five or six will be along,
With welcome words and happy song;
Will start at five should all be right,
To visit your lodge this Thursday night;
And to do so we take early lunch,
So have us ready oysters and punch;
Punch is not necessary, as you see,
But oysters is the delicacies.

The Captain got neither oysters or punch, but he did find a hole into which he stepped, causing wet feet and muddy clothes, for which we all felt truly sorry. This entertainment will remain fresh in the memory of many as the happiest event in the history of fraternities in this community. Too much praise cannot be given Prof. A. L. Judefind and assistants, and the entire choir.

The entertainment of the King's Daughters, held at Pythian Hall on Monday night was a successful affair, and reflects great credit or the young ladies of the society.

Mrs. Haslup, State organizer of the W. C. T. U., held a very successful service at the M. E. Church on Tuesday night. Several additions to the membership of the branch here resulted. There was quite a large audience present, who seemed to enjoy the very interesting lecture.

While our citizens are always willing to render due obedience to the law, yet there has been general rejoicing on account of the late lynching of the negro fiend at Chestertown. Many of our people would have gladly taken part in the affair could they have gotten there in time. R.

Tolchester News.

As the season approaches the many improvements and repairs necessary preparatory to the opening day, June 1, nears completion. Supt. Noland has been busy many weeks with a large force of laborers grading the bluff facing the bay, which adds much to the appearance as seen from the approaching steamers. He has also trimmed all the park trees and removed all that were worthless, as shade or ornamental, and is now giving the polishing touch to the thousand things always necessary, to be in what he calls good shape. Mr. Pessler's new organ arrived on Saturday and with the handsome building erected this spring over his steam carousal, and the sweet melodies wafted from the new organ people should be happy all the day long on the merry go round. A pavilion has been erected for the accommodation of patrons, and a number of new booths covered with tight roofs, handsomely painted, for the use of picnic parties. Speaking of painting there seems more of this to be done each year. The old whitewashed sheds and benches are fast disappearing and being replaced by new and better, and all painted generally by Mr. F. Howard and force of Chestertown. Mr. Glenn has just completed wharf repairs and left that in first-class order.

Among the many changes and improvements this year, The Glen Pass Rapid Transit, bids fair to be the leader in the amusement line, and something we doubt not has kept the inventer and owner from enjoying a good nights rest, many a night trying to solve the problem of gravity, inclines, bewildering curves, dark tunnels, &c., during its construction. It seems novel in the extreme and is the only one of the kind ever built. The president, Mr. Eliason was over last Saturday and seemed highly pleased with the appearance of the beach and declared it never looked so well during its history as now.

Quite a number of blue fish are being caught by the shad fishermen, weighing 6 and 8 pounds. Blue fish are comparative strangers in these waters. We only know them as tailors, 1 lb. to 1½ lbs. being considered good size. Blue fish being so plentiful we have a right to expect good tailor fishing later on.

Prof. McCleary was over on Saturday, left a force of men to repair and get track in good condition before bringing his blooded stock from Washington on their summer vacation. Raz.

An Infamous Crime!

A Negro's Outrageous Assault Upon a Little Girl!

THE EXCITEMENT IN THE COUNTY!

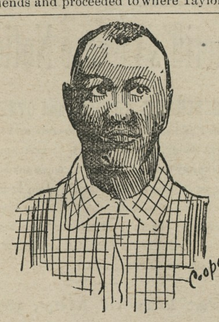
The Villain Lynched!

Hung to a Tree in the Public Streets of Chestertown!

When the brutal assault and murder of Dr. J. H. Hill was known throughout the fair county of Kent it was thought nothing could possibly occur that would equal it, but a crime was perpetrated last Sunday which even surpasses it in its consequences. The latter crime occurred about a half mile north of the quiet village of Kennedyville, in one of the most refined and orderly neighborhoods in the county. Nellie Catharine, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. John W. Silcox, was assaulted in the most brutal manner at 9 o'clock Sunday morning by James Taylor, a colored man who was employed by Mr. Silcox. The family had eaten breakfast and as was the custom left the brave little girl to help clear the table. Mr. Silcox was engaged in the yard greasing his carriage and preparing to go to church, while his wife, who is a little deaf, was in the cellar attending to some of her farm duties. An eight-year-old daughter was in the room adjoining the older sister.

Mr. Silcox came in the house and found his daughter crying and when asked what was the matter she replied that she was sick. Her father thereupon relieved her of her duties and advised her to go to bed. She did so, and was treated for "simply being sick" by her mother until late in the afternoon when she was discovered to be very badly hurt and Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs, of Kennedyville, was summoned immediately. The doctor, upon first sight of the child, did not hesitate in making the horrifying announcement that the child had been outraged. After some persuasion the child told her father that Jim Taylor, who lived with them, had assaulted her. Her clothing were brought and this was evidence enough to prove that a brutal assault had been made on the innocent girl. She stated that Jim came in the kitchen, grabbed his hand over her mouth and then accomplishing his purpose went on out telling her if she told he would surely pay her for it. She also stated that he attempted this thing last October and she has been afraid to tell of it for fear he would harm her. The doctor pronounced the child to be in a critical condition but that her wounds were not necessarily fatal. Yesterday he thought she was somewhat better, but still very ill.

Mr. Silcox and Dr. Jacobs went to town in search of the perpetrator of the crime. They first secured the assistance of some friends and proceeded to where Taylor was



The Negro Fiend—JIM TAYLOR.

thought to be. They traced him to a small house near Kennedyville in Segar's Bottom. Taylor was ordered to come out but he endeavored to get out a back window. Here he was confronted by several revolvers and he soon pulled his head in, came out with hands up and surrendered. His clothes had been washed during the day but the blood stains could be plainly seen on his shirt. He was immediately taken to a place of safety and kept until means of conveyance to Chestertown could be secured. Messrs. Louis C. Justis, Jr., John Silcox, John Medders and John Hurlock arrived at the jail about 9 o'clock Sunday night with the prisoner. He was thoroughly examined and questioned but would not say anything. His clothing was changed.

The Lynchers Arrive.

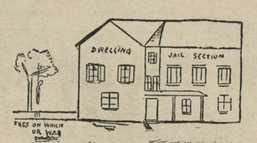
Monday morning the news of the outrage spread rapidly and by 6 o'clock the same evening it was generally believed that the man would surely be taken from the jail that night and lynched. The people began to gather about Dugan's corner early and also on the court house green knots of talkers were scattered here and there. The excitement was intense not only in the neighborhood where the crime was committed but it was equally high at Edesville, Lynch's, Chestertown, and elsewhere. Messengers were sent to the farm houses throughout the country inving fathers and sons to turn out and help protect the wives, mothers and children of Kent. Many of Kent's best citizens were among the crowd that assembled in town Monday night and they were of the opinion that something was necessary to be done.

At 7 o'clock the sheriff noticed that the crowd had begun to assemble and he immediately had a consultation with counsel and decided to make sure of the safety of his prisoner. Accordingly, when he heard the tug "Gracie" blow for Chester bridge he made up his mind to make use of her and sent an order to her captain to that effect. He then with the assistance of his deputy managed to get his prisoners out of the jail even while one of the supposed lynchers sat in the jail sitting room. The prisoners were hand-cuffed together and first leaped over the fence near Hicks' shops, and then through church alley and Kirby's to Front street and then straight to Turner's wharf, accompanied by Deputy-sheriff Plummer and Mr. Wm. Rose. The sheriff was not long in following, being, careful to take a route that would throw all watchers off his track. He went to the wharf and boarded the tug with his two prisoners, James Taylor and Mose Brown and started down the river. Mose Brown is one of the *witnesses* in the Hill murder case. As the officers and men passed high street they were seen by an enthusiastic lady of that vicinity who called to the neighbors that they were taking the men away and that it ought not to be done. She stated that she had a pistol handy if one was needed, but no one tried to prevent the escape of the men at that time. Deputy-Sheriff Plummer returned to the jail. This was about 8.30 o'clock.

About 9.30 the small crowd had grown into a tremendous outpouring of people and fully *six hundred* persons were about the jail and court house. The report that the negro had been spirited away incensed the people to action at once with out waiting for the Kennedyville people and a rush was made for the jail. But Deputy Plummer made no resistance and told them that the prisoners had been taken away. He gave them the keys and allowed the jail to be thoroughly searched. After this was done various suggestions as to the whereabouts of the men were made and carried out just as quick but all in vain. Time wore on until midnight, when many of the crowd went home. Exactly at 12.30 the tramp of feet could be heard and without any noise there filed through the gate leading to cross street a body of masked men marching four abreast and keeping step equal to drilled soldiers. They wheeled about before the court house building was reached and marched straight to the jail porch and entered the main corridor where they were confronted by Dr. H. L. Dodd and Mr. Walter Goodhand, who had been keeping Deputy Plummer company. The latter had gone upstairs for something, but soon returned and relieved the two young men of any apprehension. He was asked for the prisoner Taylor but told them that Taylor had been taken away early in the evening. They did not put much faith in this story and several of the company made a search of the jail and convinced themselves that the prisoner was not there. They then cornered Mr. John H. Greenwood and demanded to know the whereabouts of Taylor as they believed he knew. Mr. Greenwood assured them that he did not know any more than what Deputy Frank Plummer had told them, and they went off. They soon learned that the prisoner had been taken down the river and immediately the crowd started in all kinds of conveyances for Quaker Neck wharf to head off the tug but the trip was in vain and one by one the company repaired to their homes.

The Moonlight Trip.

Sheriff Plummer was seen by the NEWS reporter upon his arrival here Tuesday morning to whom he told the following: "About 7 o'clock I foresaw the trouble that was brewing. About the jail front yard there stood a party of men; on Dugan's corner another crowd; about the green groups of men discussed the situation. In my sitting room I was entertaining a



The COUNTY JAIL where Sheriff Plummer tried so bravely to Perform his Duty.

sympathizer of the lynchers. I had a hurried consultation with the counsel and returned to the jail. I heard the tug Gracie blow for Chester bridge and immediately determined to charter her, and sent word to that effect. I gave orders to my deputy to chain Mose Brown and James Taylor together and take them as secretly as possible to Turner's wharf where I would soon join them. This he did, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Rose. I went over to Mr. Wm. Aldridge's, secured some tobacco and assured that no one was following me strolled leisurely to the wharf and there after dismissing my deputy, boarded the tug. There was no one on the wharf but Deputy Plummer and State's Attorney Slay when we left which was at 8.30. The tug was in charge of Captain Willis and Engineer Silcox, a relative of the assaulted child. She had in tow a schooner which was to be taken to the bay and the prisoners were first placed on the vessel. When Hubbard's factory was reached Mr. Silcox was visited by the sheriff and for the first time told of his passengers. He was deeply incensed and protested against going further but he saw the odds were too much against him and unwillingly submitted. The men were then all placed on the tug and the schooner left to shift for herself. We went down as far as Wilmer's wharf on the Queen Anne's side opposite Wilkins' and there tied up until 2.30 A. M., when we started back to Chestertown. We reached town in a few hours and as we glided up to the wharf I saw two men standing there, to whom I addressed some questions but received no definate answers. I went on further reconnoitering and found a group of men lying under a shed. I then retraced my steps to the boat and steamed out into the stream and waited until early morning when I brought the prisoners back to jail."

Deputy Sheriff Plummer states that when he was crossing High street several persons saw him with the prisoners and one lady cried out "There he goes with those men; Don't let him go; I've got a pistol in the house!" He also stated that he never wanted such an experience as he had Monday night.

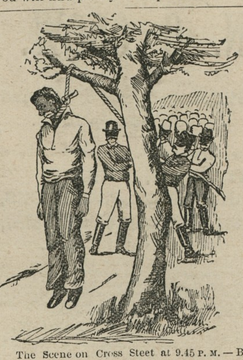
What the Prisoners Say.

The NEWS man visited the two excursionists in the jail during Tuesday. James Taylor was found soundly sleeping in his cell, No. 6, but awoke when we called and answered our questions willingly. "I am very sorry," he said, "to be here in jail. I have been living with Mr. Silcox for two years, but have never done his daughter a wrong in my life. I was in the kitchen with her Sunday morning but only long enough to get my jacket. I then went on to the home of my mother near Kennedyville. If anyone committed an assault on Nellie it must have been a white man for I did not. I was not at all afraid last night when the sheriff told me to get ready to leave and I felt just as safe here as on the boat. The moonlight ride on the tug was a new thing to me, but I can't say that I enjoyed it very much as I was very sleepy."

Mose Brown is held as a witness in the Hill murder. He was covered up in bed also and quickly roused when he saw us approach his cell. He pleasantly greeted us and to our queries replied eagerly: "They took me on the trip last night because they were afraid they might get hold of the wrong one, I being on this floor. I leaped over that fence in a hurry and if a stone house had been there I suppose I could have gotten over it. I was certainly glad to get out and enjoyed the excursion very much. I am certainly afraid they might get hold of me."

Tuesday's Doings.

Very little business was done Tuesday. Knots of persons were standing all about the green discussing the spiriting away of the prisoners, their return, etc. A messenger was sent to Kennedyville in the morning informing them of the return of the prisoner. They asked that he be kept in jail, and this was promised. The county commissioners took no action in levying money to defray the spiriting away of the prisoners and this was another clincher. A meeting which was largely attended was held in Chestertown in the afternoon over which one of our leading citizens presided. It was here agreed to appoint guards whose duty it should be to keep a close watch over the jail and prevent the escape of Taylor in any manner. Ten men were delegated to make this watch hourly and the first set went on duty at 3.30 P. M. The sheriff is a fearless officer and would do anything to carry out the law but he now saw how he was handicapped. He did think of working the Yankee trick of dressing Taylor in frocks and sending him out but he was advised to the contrary and so gave up the idea and made up his mind to defend the prisoner to the best of his ability behind the jail walls. Communication with Kennedyville was kept up and at that place word had been sent to be ready 7.30 to leave for town. The same feeling of horror at the outrage was still existing and the determination of its citizens as great as it was the previous night. "We will be on hand to-night, don't let him get away," was the last message sent here from that place and the answer sent back was "all right; you will find plenty of help here."



The Scene on Cross Steet at 9.45 P. M.—By Our Special Artist.

The Lynching.

As early as 7 o'clock the crowd commenced to assemble. Dugan's corner seemed to be a rendezvous for quite a number while all around the jail stood men in groups of five and six. When night had thrown her shade upon the earth the crowd began to increase. The old engine house corner was the meeting place of the colored people and many were congregated there and elsewhere in sight of the jail. A NEWS reporter moved around among them and not a word of condemnation or complaining could be heard. They all agreed that the negro should have never been brought to town. If he was to be dealt with he should have been lynched at Kennedyville Sunday night. And this opinion was expressed by the whites on the other corner. It is stated at Kennedyville that owing to the heavy storm and little knowledge of the affair it was thought best to await the sober judgment of the people and make sure of the right man.

Inside the jail everything was in perfect order and ready for the attack. Mr. John H. Greenwood had charge of the front corridor; Messrs. Wm. P. Plummer and Frank Plummer were stationed at the side door of the back corridor while Mr. Albert I. Dugan guarded the prisoner's cell. Officer Kelley arrived later and went in the back corridor. In the rear of the jail several masked men stood waiting to join the lynchers. The double gates leading into the jail yard were thrown wide open and the small gate was in the hands of the lynching sympathizers. The lynching party numbering about sixty, arrived in town about half past eight but so quietly did they come that the crowd about the jail did not know what time they arrived. A meeting was called and the purpose of the men was stated. They came to town for the purpose of lynching James Taylor who had committed an outrageous assault upon Nellie Silcox and they felt it was due to their wives, mothers, and daughters that they show their disapproval of such fiendish acts. They were to act for the protection of the women and children of Kent county and they hoped by such action to refrain further horrible deeds. A messenger from the town commissioners went before the meeting and requested that the lynching be done outside the town limits. This request the party promised should be granted as far as it lay in their power. They also promised not to riddle the body with bullets nor mangle the man's person. The party was composed of many of Kent's popular citizens and never did men plan a thing with more calmness and deliberation than did these men.

It was twenty-five minutes after nine when the masked men marched down to the jail surrounded by a crowd numbering more than 500 persons. Not a cry was raised nor a word spoken louder than a whisper until the jail was reached. Down Cross street to the big gates; through the stable yard and then through the back yard gate to the side door of the jail they quickly marched. They were now at the door through which Tom Thompson passed to reach the scaffold on which he was hanged. The heavy iron door confronted them locked securely while on the inside the officers were doing their best to hold their own. One word from the leader and the noise of a sledge hammer, axe, etc., could be heard banging at the lock and door. In a quicker time than it takes to tell it the door could no longer stand the blows and opened to the men. Through its portals as many as could get inside passed and pushing the Messrs. Plummer aside made straight for the cell in which they knew Taylor to be. Officer Kelley was caught by the throat and bears the nail prints of his assailant. The keys were demanded but they were not forthcoming and immediately the word came to break the lock. Two or three heavy blows was sufficient to do this and the works of the lock fell jingling to the floor. The prisoner during the hammering on the door and lock stood in his cell watching the men, but said not a word. The cotton rope that had caused the death of Thompson was placed around the negro's neck and he was led like a calf to the jail yard. In going down the steps the victim fell but he was helped up and surrounded by the immense crowd led out into the stable yard. It was here that the lynchers realized their inability to get the prisoner out of town for the crowd were loud in their cries of "right here! don't take him away!" and similar expressions, and soon as the public street was reached a tree was marked for the lynching. Quickly one of the men climbed up the tree and placed the rope over a small limb and in a moment the negro was hanging to the maple directly opposite the jail. His lifeless body was swung to and fro for a few seconds and then the cries of "don't shoot," came from a hundred lips and remarkable to relate not a shot was fired although nearly every one in the crowd was armed. When the cry of don't shoot was heard the colored people and the whites ran as if a dog was after them and many did not return. Taylors head was not more than two or three feet above those of the crowd and as many remarked if any shooting was done a number would certainly be hurt. The darkey's hands were not tied and were not raised after he was pulled up the tree. While going to the tree he held the rope around his neck with both hands. He never made any out cry or spoke one word after the lynching party came to the jail. Sheriff Plummer had expected to be on hand when the jail was broken into, but his wife was taken very ill and required his special attention. She was thrown in a state of nervousness at each stroke of the lynchers' hammer. She was much improved yesterday and says she is certainly glad the affair is over.

His Last Words.

While the lynchers were preparing to make the raid on the jail Jim Taylor was interviewed on the situation. He was asked if he realized what was going on outside.

"Yes, sir," he replied, "they are gwine to hang me I reckon; but I don't feel scared."

"Do you feel prepared to die," he was asked.

"Yes, sir, I am ready. I have belonged to church for three years and am ready to die."

"Now, Jim, we want you to tell us whether you did this deed or not," continue the question, "you hear the men outside and it will not be long before your end will come."

"I am an innocent man. I never did it." The man was asked if he knew what it was to die with a lie on his lips and he replied that he did, and these were the last words he was heard to utter.

A prominent citizen of this vicinity was in the jail Tuesday and asked the prisoner why he did the deed. He replied that he did not know, but was very sorry he had done it.

The Coroner Arrives.

The body was allowed to hang up the tree until 11 o'clock, when Coroner Pippin arrived and ordered Officer Kelley to lower it. The body was then taken in charge by Undertaker Dodd and placed in the engine house. Previous to lowering the body a lantern was hung near it and it was viewed by scores of ladies and others. No bruises or scars were to be found on the body. The neck showed plainly where the rope had rubbed it. The neck was not broken, the negro having died from strangulation and fright.

The Inquest.

Wednesday morning Coroner Pippin summoned the following gentlemen to serve on the inquest: Foreman, Lewin S. Fowler; Thomas W. Eliason, Jr., J. K. Aldridge, M. A. Toulson, T. S. Bordley, W. T. Matthews, C. C. Morgan, B. N. S. Wilkins, George B. Westcott, Albert I. Dugan, John Brice and J. W. Lambert. After examining the body and several witnesses the following verdict was rendered:

STATE OF MARYLAND, KENT Co.

An inquisition taken at Chestertown, in the county and State aforesaid, on the 18th day of May, year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-two, before me, Robert K. Pippin one of the Coroners of the State for the county aforesaid, upon the body of James Taylor, col., then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of John K. Aldridge, John Brice, Thomas S. Bordley, William T. Matthews, Lewis S. Fowler, Thomas W. Eliason, Jr., Albert Dugan, Milburn A. Toulson, Benjamin N. S. Wilkins, Jas. W. Lambert, George B. Westcott and Cecil C. Morgan, good and lawful men of the State and county aforesaid; who, upon being sworn upon the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, affirmed and charged to inquire when, where, how, and after what manner the said James Taylor, col., came to his death, do say, upon their oaths and affirmation, that he the said James Taylor, col., came to his death by the hands of a large body of masked men, unkown to the jury, who forcibly entered the jail on the evening of May 17, 1892, about 9½ o'clock, breaking the locks of the jail and cell doors in which he was confined and took him from the jail and hung him by means of a rope around his neck to the limb of a neighboring tree, where he was found dead.

In witness thereof, as well the aforesaid coroner as the jurors aforesaid, have to this inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year aforesaid, and at the place aforesaid.

ROBERT K. PIPPIN, Coroner.

The Hanged Man.

James Taylor, was twenty-four years of age, and has been living with Mr. Silcox two years. He was a copper-faced negro about 5 ft. 5 in. in height and weighed 140 pounds. He bears a bad reputation, having attempted to assault this same little girl last October and also having committed, it is said, an assault on a reputable colored woman of Queen Anne's several years ago. His mother and brother live near the town. He had a scar over his right eye. He was rather a peculiarly constructed darkey physically, especially about the head.

His Victim.

Nellie Catharine Silcox the victim of Taylor's hellish crime is a bright little girl about four feet in height and rather delicate. She will be eleven years of age next October. Nellie is quite smart for one of her age and makes herself wonderfully useful about the house helping her mother. She has a sister a few years younger.

Notes and Incidents.

This was the first lynching that has ever occurred in Kent county.

An axe was found this week secreted near where the assault was committed evidently placed there for ready use if detected. The axe generally stays in the wood-yard, where Taylor had been cutting wood.

Jim Taylor's wife, his brother and wife were all notified to leave the neighdorhood and quietly left last Thursday night.

The colored people of this section, of course, while they deprecate the affair show no signs of bad conduct, which is the right stand to take.

Rev. Mr. Greenfield will preach Sunday morning on "Crime in Kent."

Several citizens in town Thursday stated that Taylor removed from Queen Anne's because of a similar crime prepetrated in that county.

The tree on which the negro was hung is not more than six inches in diameter at the trunk. It is located between Mr. Albert Dugan's and the Armstrong House, about fifty yards from the jail. The crutch of the tree in which the rope was placed is but ten feet from the ground. The colored people objected to the body being interred in their grave yard and it was therefore carried to the almshouse.

The absence of liquor from the lynching was very gratifying.

Mr. Harry Chew was stopped on College Hill Monday night by the lynchers and his carriage searched. He says he was certainly scared and don't know why they stopped him.

Mose Brown asked that he be removed from near Taylor to the first floor as he was afraid they might get the wrong man. The other prisoners were also very much scared.

The citizens of Kennedyville formed a vigilance committee Wednesday and notified some suspicious characters to leave, also notified the colored folks about congregating on the Cross road in the villiage at night cursing and swearing especially on Saturday nights at which time it is not fit for ladies to be on the street. The committee promise this will be stopped.

The death of little Nellie Silcox was in the city papers Thursday but telegrams to that effect were not sent from Chestertown. It was the result of some of the Delaware reporters imaginations. The child is doing as well as could be expected.

So quietly was the lynching done that a gentleman near the scene sat at his window until 12 o'clock waiting to hear the first ligns before he started to the scene.

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DIED.

At his late residence, near Chesterville, May 19, 1892, after an illness of typhoid, WILLIE GODWIN, in his 25th year.

On May 13, HARRIET L., aged 19 years, daughter of Thomas and Harriett L. Hill.

On May 12, JEANNETTE ESTELLE, youngest daughter of James and Elizabeth Hyland.

In Baltimore, on May 11, 1892, DANIEL CHASE CHAPMAN, in the 48th year of his age.

ZION M. E. CHURCH, Morgan Creek. Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock, Rev. A. T. MELVIN will preach.

SALEM M. E. CHURCH—Divine service Sunday, May 22d, 1892. Preaching by the pastor 10.30 A. M., subject: "The Church?" 8 P. M., "Power."

CHRIST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH. Rev. D. L. GREENFIELD, Pastor. Public worship 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M.; Sunday-school 9½ A. M. and 2½ P. M.; Vesper Service at 7.45 P. M. Morning subject: "Crime in Kent; a sermon to the Citizens."

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Worton. Rev. A. EDWIN KEIGWIN, pastor. Preaching tomorrow (Sunday) evening at 8 o'clock. Subject: "Murder and Its Consequences." Sunday-school at usual hour in morning, W. E. Beck, supt. Subject of Lesson: "Daniel and His Companions." Services every Sabbath until October.

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MEETINGS!

THE Democratic Voters of Kent county are invited to meet in the several election districts of Kent county, at the usual voting places,

On SATURDAY, May 28, 1892,

AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M.,

and select by ballot or otherwise FIVE DELEGATES from each of said districts to meet in Chestertown in county convention on the following TUESDAY, May 31, at 11 o'clock A. M., to elect THREE DELEGATES to the State convention which meets in Baltimore June 8th to elect Delegates at Large and District Delegates to the Democratic National Convention, which will meet in Chicago on Tuesday, June 21. The said county convention will also elect 2 Delegates to represent Kent county in the convention to be held at Ocean City, on Wednesday, July 20, 1892, to nominate a candidate for Congress from the First Congressional District of Maryland.

The mode of selecting district delegates is left to the respective districts, as well as the appointment of judges and clerks, should the same be found necessary, and in the event of a ballot the polls will open at 2 P. M. and close at 6 P. M.

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RATIFICATION NOTICE.

James J. Archer and Hope H. Barroll, Trustees, *versus* Henry W. Archer of Robert.

ORDERED, this 5th day of May, 1892, that the Sale of the Real Estate in the proceedings in this cause mentioned, made and reported by JAMES J. ARCHER and HOPE H. BARROLL, trustees, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 5th day of July next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 5th day of June, next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $600.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, CLERK.
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May 7, 1892—4t

Order of Publication.

Daniel C. Crew and wife, *versus* Philip E. Crew and others.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

THE object of the petition filed in the above entitled cause is to procure an order for the re-sale of certain property therein mentioned.

The petition represents that on or about the 28th of May, 1889, a certain Marion deK. Smith, trustee by virtue of a decree of this court sold a certain farm mentioned in said proceedings, unto the said Philip E. Crew, at and for the sum of Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-two Dollars and Sixteen Cents.

That the sale was duly reported to, and ratified by this Court.

That the said Philip E. Crew has paid no part of the purchase money (except the sum of Three Hundred and Eleven Dollars and Thirty-five Cents, and that the said Philip E. Crew is a non-resident.

It is therefore this 9th day of May, 1892, ordered by the circuit court for Kent County, in equity, that the petitioner, Marion deK. Smith, by causing a copy of this order to be published in some newspaper printed and published in said Kent co., once in each of four successive weeks before the 16th day of June, 1892, give notice to the said Philip E. Crew of the object and substance of this petition, warning him to appear in this court in person, or by solicitor on or before the 30th day of June next, to show cause, if any he has why an order ought not to be passed as prayed.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, CLERK.
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May 14, 1892—4t.

SHERIFF'S SALES

—OF—

Real & Personal Property in Kent county, Md., For Taxes.

BY VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY vested in me as Sheriff of Kent county, upon whom is laid the duty of collecting by process of law all State and county taxes for the year 1891 unpaid on the first day of April, 1892, in and for the said county, and under the public local and public general laws of Maryland, in such case made and provided, I have seized and taken in execution the following property situated in Kent county aforesaid, to pay and satisfy the State and county taxes due and unpaid by the parties to whom they are assessed; and

Notice is Hereby Given

to the owner or owners, or any other parties interested, that I will expose the same at public auction in front of the Court House door, in Chestertown, Maryland, on

SATURDAY, 28th day MAY, 1892,

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and Four o'clock P. M., and sell to the highest bidder for cash to pay and satisfy the taxes due for the said year 1892, together with all interest and costs due and to become due thereon.

In the First Election District.

Harriet Ashley. Lot of Land returned by G. W. Jacoby in 1884, and obtained of T. R. Quimby and wife and C. P. Loper and wife, as per deed dated November 7, 1878, and recorded in Liber D. C. B., No. 5, folio 161, of said land record books for Kent county.
For County Taxes due and unpaid.....$1.03
" State " " " " 23
Together with interest and costs thereon.

Joseph Boyer. Lot of land, ¾ of an acre, with improvements thereon, obtained of William Bradshaw, as per deed recorded in Liber D. C. B., No. 3, folio 388, of land records for Kent county.
For County Taxes due and unpaid.....$1.64
" State " " " " 36
Together with interest and costs thereon.

Simon J. Bordley. Lot of Land obtained from Thos. R. Quimby and wife through C. T. Westcott, trustee, adjoining lands of Joseph Jeffries and James Green, with improvements, as by deed recorded in Liber S. B., No. 3, folio 390.
For County Taxes due and unpaid..... .82
" State " " " " ..... .18
Together with interest and costs thereon.

Joseph Connor. Small Lot and House in Millington.
For County Taxes due and unpaid.....$2.06
" State " " " " ..... .45
Together with interest and costs thereon.

Miss Sarah Comegys. Lot of Land at Sassafras, with improvements.
For County Taxes due and unpaid.....$2.22
" State " " " " ..... .48
Together with interest and costs thereon.

Jane Freeman. Small Lot and House in Millington, adjoining the W. H. Porter property, opposite Morris' shop.
For County Taxes due and unpaid.....$1.64
" State " " " " ..... .36
Together with interest and costs thereon.

Virginia Carey. Small Lot and Dwelling in Kennedyville, obtained of John R Bennett and wife and R. Hynson, a per. Liber S. B., No. 4, folio 556.
For County Taxes due and unpaid.....$2.46
" State " " " " ..... .64
Together with interest and costs thereon.

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