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Still Pond Notes.

We have interviewed most of the large peach shippers of this neighborhood and the general verdict is that there will be but very few Smock and early fruit. The June drop carried away nearly all that was left.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rigg have been visiting friends in our village.

Miss Annie Roeder has returned home from a trip of several months in the South. Her friends were glad to welcome her home and she was rejoiced to be back with us again.

Mr. Geo. W. Harper has purchased a new organ for the M. E. Sunday school.

A game of baseball was played between the Still Pond and Betterton fourth nine, last Saturday, which resulted in a victory for the Betterton boys. The score was 10 to 31. They will play again on Saturday.

The public school of Still Pond, Mr. I. R. Starkey, principal; Miss Sadie Burgess, assistant; will hold a commencement in the Still Pond town hall next Thursday evening, to which the public is cordially invited. If stormy on Thursday will take place on Friday evening. The exercises which will consist of a drama, several dialogues, music, both vocal and instrumental, recitations etc. The exercises will commence at 8 o'clock. No admission fee charged.

Wheat harvest has begun here in earnest and the crop promises fairly well. Messrs. F. H. Harper and E. M. Bonwill have the best outlook.

Prof. David J. Quimby, of Millington, has organized a singing-class at this place. He received a stroke of paralysis the other night, but at this writing he is doing well.

Prof. Starkey is recovering from his fall in your town last winter and is now able to walk a little without crutches.

Our genial postmaster is traveling for a wholesale house, but generally gets home on Sundays. His wife does the work in the office during his absence.

Mrs. Jas. Taylor is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lamborn.

Chas. F. Harper and Will M. Watts, of Dickinson College, Pa., Henry C. Turner, of Swarthmore College, Pa., and Arthur Harris and James Turner, of Abington Academy, Pa., are at home in Still Pond for the summer.

The year old child of J. W. Shallcross died at Charlottesville, Va., Tuesday of cholera infantum and was buried at this place Thursday. Mr. Shallcross left the county a year ago.

Children and Flowers.

St. James' M. P. Church held its annual Children's Day last Sunday morning and as usual the church was packed with an interested audience. Mr. W. G. Skirven and his corps of teachers and helpers had tastefully trimmed the sacred old edifice with roses and evergreen and it looked as pretty as ever before. The choir was reinforced on the occasion with several singers and cornetist, Mr. John N. Dodd. The program was as follows:

Solo, Addie Hurlock, with chorus by Harry Hurlock and Cora Stephens; address of welcome, Clyde Payne; dialogue, "Missionary Pennies," Cora and Harry Stephens; "Little Givers," concert exercise by sixteen children; singing, "Little Builders," by same; recitation, "Go and Teach," Emma Fogwell; reading, "The Legacy of Crumbs," Emma Anderson; chorus, "Tell the News"; address by pastor; singing, "Mournful Cry," solo by Cora Stephens; reply, quartette by May Hurlock, Rachel Biggs, Arthur Hurlock, C. H. Hurlock; short sermon on giving, Frank Hurlock; missionary dialogue, Harry and Horace Nicholson; singing, "Onward and Upward," during collection; "The Offering," Mary and Mabel Nicholson and Nora Kimble, (kneeling); duet, "Angels Above are Singing," May Hurlock and Rachel Biggs; recitation, "The Whitened Fields," Nellie Vansant; singing, "Pray for Reapers," solo and quartette, Tessie Fogwell, Blanche Smyth, Arthur Hurlock, Frank Crome; recitation, "Heathen Chinee," May Willis; recitation, with collection box, Willie Fogwell; chorus, "Song of Victory"; closing prayer, doxology and benediction.

POMONA CHURCHES.

At Bond Church the edifice was beautifully trimmed and the exercises specially interesting.

Last Sunday was the day set apart to celebrate Children's Day at Bond and Mowbray Chapels, pastor, Rev. W. R. Mowbray. We were the recipients of great pleasure by visiting the latter chapel in the evening. The eye was attracted upon entering towards the pulpit a beautiful arch being extended, seemingly as a frame for the inner decorations which consisted of a large cross made of evergreen resting upon a base surrounded by potted plants and interlacings of evergreen; bright bouquets greeted the eye, making the effect very harmonious and and pleasant. The centre piece hanging midway the pulpit, was greatly admired. The opening march was well executed by the school. The choir consisting of Prof. Stratton, chorister; Miss Annie Brown; Messrs. Gustavus Startt and Frank Stoops with Miss Sadie Stratton as organist, and John E. Startt, cornetist, executed some difficult and beautiful music, especially in "Marching On" and "Sweet Hallelujah," "Birdie Sing," with refrain was very sweetly sung by little Alverta Hadaway; duet, Maggie Stratton and Emma Hadaway was also admired. The recitattions were all well done and showed excellent training, and it would not become us to make especial mention of any one in particular. The infant class afforded the visitors an entertainment in themselves by their perfect recitations and sweet singing, surprising many who were there when they noticed how very young the little performers were; Lloyd Bramble and George White did admirably well being the "wee ones" of the school. Two exercises by the school were well done; suffice it to say "It was good to be there." Thankful to the school and especially to Misses Annie Brown and Sadie Stratton, who worked so untiringly in training the children. The pastor, a faithful minister and friend to his charges in a few remarks drew an impressive lesson from the decorations and assured the audience it was the first time he had ever heard the program and it was entertaining. Receipts for the day $25.

VISITOR.

Union M. E. Church, near Worton Station, had a red letter day last Sunday. The attendance was large and the exercises specially interesting. Rev. Mr. Merritt's address was specially pleasing while the collection of *thirty dollars* was grand. Miss Susie Matthews presided at the organ.

GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Children's Day was observed on the evening of Thursday, 15th inst., at Georgetown Presbyterian Church. There was a very large attendance, many being unable to gain admission. The sacred edifice was beautifully decorated and presented a very fine appearance. An imposing arch of evergreen, to which was affixed the motto, "America for Christ," spanned the platform, and a variety of choice flowers contributed largely to the beauty of the church. The exercises were interesting and the manner in which the children acquitted themselves was highly creditable. The Rev. E. H. Nelson, of Galena, on the invitation of the minister, opened the meeting with prayer. Miss Linda Jacobs presided at the organ with her usual grace and ability, and the choir of the church, supplemented by visiting friends, rendered appropriate music. The Rev. B. Tan Robinson, of Frankford, Del., sang a solo entitled "The Master is in His Garden," which was much appreciated, and by special request it was repeated. The pastor, the Rev. W. Jamison Fitz Simon addressed the children and afterwards thanked them for their successful effort in raising a handsome subscription for the cause of missions. The amount contributed was over $35, a much larger sum than has hitherto been realized on a similar occasion. The exercises were brought to a close by Mr. Robinson, who prnnounced the benediction.

MILLINGTON LOCALS.

Newsy Items from the First District.

Children's Day was celebrated Sunday in the M. E. Church, all the services of the day being devoted to the cause that Children's Day is intended to advance. These services, always interesting, were more delightfully so on this occasion than ever before. A very attractive feature were the decorations which consisted in the tasteful arrangement of potted plants and cut flowers in profusion. The ladies who arranged them so artistically deserve the compliments and thanks of all lovers of the beautiful. The blending of color was so harmonious that the eye could travel from base to summit of pyramid and back and meet no painful or inharmonious contrasts, but always receive a restful and pleasing impression. The morning service in the audience room of the church consisted of singing by the choir, "Beautiful Home," "Jesus is Leading me Home," "The Haven of Rest" and "We Never Say Good Bye." Mr. H. Tonkin read the original of a letter to the *Peninsula Methodist* by "Perambulator" in which Thomas Mallalieu, pledged himself in the sum of $500 for the erection of the present church existing here. Mr. Thomas Mallalieu addressed the audience. This gentleman has been an earnest Sunday school worker and related many interesting incidents and facts that have occurred in his Sunday school work. Among them the reorganization of the school which he accomplished September 10, 1852, 40 years ago, during which time he has held the position of superintendent for thirty-eight years, having succeeded James A. Edwards. He also stated that the lecture room was dedicated by Bishop Andrews just twenty years from date.

Rev. E. E. White preached a short but impressive sermon from Eccl. 7-10, closing with doxology and benediction. The evening service, a very beautiful and instructive one, was enjoyed by over four hundred persons. It consisted of singing, addresses, dialogues and responsive reading. The singing by the choir, with Mrs. M. S. B. Mallalieu, organist, was very inspiring. A duet entitled, "He will wipe all tears from our eyes," by Misses Kate Moffett and Susie Vansant, was rendered in a very pleasing manner. As also a duett entitled, "Only for Jesus," Misses Ola J. McWhorter and Lulu Bailey. A class of little girls also sang a hymn and the rendering was very creditable considering their years. One of the principle features of the occasion was the building of the "Pyramid of Honor," setting forth the platform of the "Legend of Honor." Each scholar, as they added an inscribed section to the pyramid, made an appropriate address. Every one present enjoyed the occasion. The collections were satisfactory.

Sad Death of Paul Bolton.

On Tuesday, June 14th, little Paul Bolton, 7 years old, son of Wm. and Amelia Bolton, died of rheumatism of the heart, at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Barnes. Religious services at the house were conducted by Rev. Mr. Weller, from the text: "It is well with the child." The obsequies were under the direction of Funeral Director Y. M. Britton, who had prepared a very handsome white velvet casket. Many handsome floral emblems were the offerings of friends of the child and family. It took place at the Millington cemetery. Paul was a pretty child and his striking intelligence and reason for one so young had endeared him to the family and made him many friends. His death to them was a sad affliction. They have the sympathy of their friends.

Wedding of a Popular Couple.

It is not good for man to be alone. Mr. Julian F. Power, a popular druggist of our town, led to the altar on Wednesday, June 22d, one of Queen Anne's fair daughters, Miss Minta Hackett. The wedding, a private one, took place at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Jno. E. Hackett, of Sudlersville, at 7.30 o'clock A. M. The ceremony, conducted by Rev. Mr. Batte, was witnessed by the family and some friends of the young couple. They took the morning train for a short tour to some of the beautiful places north. They have the good wishes of many friends.

Personals of Interest.

Mr. John W. Duling has contracted to build the new M. E. parsonage at Sudlersville.

Mr. W. T. Mallalieu spent a few days of this week with Wm. Biggs, of Middletown, Delaware.

Miss Addie Hazzard, of Middletown, Del., spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. A. R. Todd.

Miss Rosa Tonkin returned on Tuesday, after a four weeks' visit with her sister in Wilmington.

Miss Willie Moffett returned from Wilmington today.

Mrs. C. M. Edwards is visiting her father-in-law, Mr. J. A. Edwards.

Geo. Lovegrove, engineer of the dredge, "Alta," belonging to the National Dredging Company, of Wilmington, Del., spent Friday and Saturday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Collins, of Centreville, spent Saturday and Sunday at the bride's mother's, Mrs. Annie E. Crane.

Mr. Frank Gardiner, of Elk Neck, is a guest of Mr. Samuel Moffett, near town.

Mr. B. F. Vansant, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in Millington with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Duling, Jr., are visiting their father, John Duling, Esq.

Mr. Wm. H. James and W. Hersey Thomas spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. S. M. Thomas.

Miss Bertie Morris, of Sassafras, spent Sunday with Miss L. Moffett.

Mrs. Jennie Johnson and daughter, of Philadelphia, are visiting her father, Mr. Samuel Mallalieu.

Mrs. Lina Meginness, of Wilmington, is visiting her father, Mr. E. J. Moffett.

Miss Cora Tolson, spent Saturday and Sunday in Wilmington with her sister, Mrs. F. F. Bonsall.

Prof. David J. Quimby, of this place was suddenly paralyzed while instructing a class in singing at Still Pond. He is somewhat better at this writing. B.

Simple Pumping Power.

Mr. Thomas J. Shallcross, president of the Board of Commissioners of Kent county and one of the most progressive farmers in that county, has in operation upon his farm on the Sassafras river, near Locust Grove, a water motor, which for simplicity and effectivness supasses anything of the kind we have ever seen.

The motor takes the place of the wind pump, or wind mill as they are more commonly called, and uses the water of a running stream for the necessary power. The machine itself is exceedingly simple and consists of a frame with a scoop at one end and a box for weight at the other. This is so spaced as to work with a see-saw motion. A rod connects the machine with an angle arm which in turn is connected with a line of wire running over pulleys working on posts and operating a force pump. The water of the stream is diverted and caused to flow through a trough into the scoop, which when full overbalances the box of weight at the other end and causes the machine to tilt, thus working the pump; the tilting empties the scoop and the machine resumes its former position. A shut off gate in the end of the trough is worked automatically and prevents any waste of water.

Mr. Shallcross had a wind wheel to do his pumping but concluded to displace it by this motor, the advantage being that the water is always running whether the wind blows or not, and in consequence the tank is never empty.

GALENA ITEMS

A Lady Sees a Colored Man in Her Room at Night—Pursued, but Not Caught—In the Churches.

The citizens of Galena were somewhat excited on Wednesday morning when the report of the proceedings of the night before had gotten out. It was this: On Tuesday night, between 1 and 2 o'clock, the ladies in Mrs. Blackway's house were badly frightened (none but ladies live in the house). A Mrs. Whitling was asleep in her bed-room upstairs, when she was awakened by feelidg a person's hand on her face. As soon as she saw that it was a man, and a black one at that, she screamed as loud as she could and at the same time fought him off as best she could. Her screams awakened the ladies in the next room, and the man was frightened off without completing his purpose. He ran down stairs and out one of the front windows. After he got out they could see him from upstairs putting on his coat. It is some forty or fifty yards from where Mrs. Blackway lives to the nearest house that is occupied. Mrs. B.'s house is the last on the row towards the M. E. Church. It is rather dark about there at night. The ladies, as soon as they could get out, run to the nearest house (Mr. Wood's) in their night clothes, frightened very badly. Mr. Wood had to go for the doctor for Mrs. Whitling, for she was very much excited and nervous. When the doctor quieted her he waited until daylight and he and Mr. Wood tracked the person for some distance. 'Squire Parr and some of the best citizens in town are doing all they can to find out the guilty parties. We only hope that they may be successful. If we only had a good detective we might be able to get the guilty parties.

Children's Day services were held in the Presbyterian Church at Georgetown on Thursday evening. The church was tastefully decorated and a Children's Day programme was given and carried out in fine style. The music and singing was grand. The church was crowded to its fullest capacity. The collection was quite liberal.

The Rev. G. C. Sutton, rector of Shrewsbury, contemplates improving St. Andrew's P. E. Church in the near future. He has changed the order of services here somewhat. There is a service at 7 o'clock A. M. on every fourth Sunday in the month. This early service commenced on Whit-Sunday last, at which there was a fairly good attendance. Next Sunday being the fourth there will be an early service at St. Andrew's.

Miss Pauline Nelson is home for vacation from school in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Latimer, of Charlestown, W, Va., is visiting Dr. Latimer.

The farmers are busy harvesting. P.

THE MILLINGTON CONSPIRACY

DR. HILL'S MURDER BELIEVED TO BE A DEEP-LAID SCHEME.

OTHER ARRESTS UPON THIS THEORY.

Sixteen Prisoners Now in Jail.

H. W. Vickers, Esq., who was employed by the county to aid our State's Attorney, Wm. M. Slay, Esq., in bringing the Hill murderers to justice, has held to the theory that the murder was the result of a deliberate plot, and he has carefully followed up every clue along this line. He has had the efficient aid of Detective Bates, of the Philadelphia *Press*, in developing the facts in the case, and now we have the culmination in the arrest of five more parties, namely: John Potts, Frank Baynard, Walter Rowe, Henry Hynson and John Harrison, all colored. Sheriff Plummer, in his usual discreet and officer-like manner, made all these arrests and had the prisoners in jail before the facts were generally known. He was assisted by Deputy Sheriff John H. Greenwood, of Chestertown, and Constable G. W. Fennimore, of Crumpton.

The following brief review and facts bearing out Mr. Vickers' view of the case presents it in a more serious view even than before:

John and Joseph Potts were two brothers living in Sandtown, in the suburbs of Millington. The men owned a small place, and contracted with a carpenter to make certain repairs on their house. On December 24, Joe Potts met the white carpenter in McWhorter's saloon, Millington. The carpenter demanded the money for the work done, and threatened to file a mechanic's lien if payment was refused. Potts claimed that the contract was that he should have time. A fight ensued, in which a number of white men, McWhorter included, took part and the negro was worsted. He sought his brother John and a mulatto, Thomas Campbell, of Virginia, who had, it is stated, already murdered one victim, and proposed that they raise a gang of negroes and that night clean out McWhorter's place. Some one told McWhorter of what was going on, and he gathered a force of white men to defend his place. About ten o'clock Potts and his party arrived. Campbell broke open the door and marched into the place, followed by the Potts brothers and a gang of negroes. Campbell exclaimed that he was a s— of a b—from Maine, and had come to clean out the place. Some one threw a bottle of beer which struck Campbell on the right side of the head, and he fell to the floor. At that instant some one extinguished the lights, and a general fight ensued. The negroes were defeated and fled, and the prostrate Campbell was kicked and stamped on by unknown persons. When the lamps were relit, he was dead.

Dr. Todd, it is stated, was sent for to make the examination, but refused unless his fee was assured. Dr. Hill finally, made the examination, and in his report stated that there was nothing to indicate that death had resulted from the wounds found on the body, but that death might have resulted from heart disease, as he had treated the man for that trouble. The body was buried, but upon a report being started that the man Campbell had been murdered, Prosecuting Attorney Slay had the body exhumed and re-examined. Dr. Hill said in his second report, that there were no evidences of the neck being broken as claimed. This report was signed by Dr. Todd.

Every effort was made to discover the facts in the case, but both the negroes and whites in the saloon refused to testify. Another report was put in circulation that Dr. Hill had said Campbell's neck was not broken, while Dr. Todd contended that it was. The negroes became incensed, and frequent meetings were held at which were Fletcher Williams, Charles Brooks, Steve Cooper, John Potts, Moses Brown, Frank Benson and Frisby Comegy's, the 14-year-old boy who held the doctor's mare when he was assaulted, and several others now in jail held for Dr. Hill's murder, at which it was decided that if the grand jury should fail to prosecute the murderers of Campbell, they would waylay and kill Dr. Hill. The grand jury adjourned on Friday without finding any bills in the case, and on Saturday night the murder occurred. Williams, on his way to Millington about 7 o'clock, met Rees, the boy from Mr. Shaw's, who was sent to Millington for the doctor. The boy while in conversation with Williams, told him that he was going for Dr. Hill, as one of Mr. Shaw's children were sick. Williams went to Cooper's, and shortly thereafter Emory Brown, Benson, Cooper and Brooks were all present. Bradshaw, Baynard and Howard Taylor while on the road were passed by Harrison and Hynson in a milk wagon. After the crowd had collected at Cooper's, Williams stated that Dr. Hill would be on the road and that they must kill him. This was agreed to by all present. It was then discussed how the work should be carried into execution, and Ford's hill was decided upon as the spot. Cooper promised that after it was done he would give the crowd an oyster supper, and Baynard and Cooper were to go to town for the oysters. Sallie Meeds and Rosa Fountain also came to Cooper's and were present during the conversation, and were to also go for the oysters. On the way to town Bradshaw and Baynard were met and told of the plot, and they agreed to the arrangement.

In town, Williams, who had the management of affairs in hand, hunted up Potts, and a caucus was held on the street near Hilyard's store, and it was arranged that John Potts should watch Dr. Hill. It will be remembered that the doctor on the fatal night was present at a Cleveland club meeting held in Esquire Johnson's office, and it is now known that Potts watched him through a window. It was arranged that when the doctor left town Potts should take the milk wagon which was hitched at Mr. Hilyard's store, and notify the entire band that the hour for the bloody work had arrived. A caucus was immediately held on the street near Hilyard's store, and Baynard asked the party, whether or not Dr. Hill had been seen. The persons in this crowd were: Williams, 25 years old, lived with Mr. J. C. Rolph; Brooks, 18 years old, lived with Mr. Donahue, near Golt's; Emory, 15 years old, half-brother of Williams, worked for Mr. A. Hendrickson; Bradshaw, 15 years old, worked for Mr. Tobe Merritt; J. Baynard, 16 years old, worked for Mr. J. C. Rolph; Benson, 16 years old, lived with Mr. Ford; Brown, 27 years old, lived with Mr. Ford; Cooper, 35 years old, worked for Mr. Hendrickson; Harrison and Hynson lived with Mr. J. P. Cochran; Walter Rowe lived with Mr. Gilpin; Frank Baynard lived with Mr. Hendrickson; Potts lived in Sandtown; Mauder lived with Mr. Hurlock; Hurtt with Dr. Clark, and went to town with Dr. Clark's son; Mander and Rowe both consented to go into the scheme.

After the meeting the crowd went down town leaving Potts to watch Dr. Hill. Manda's courage failed him as he was leaving town with the crowd, and when Mr. Hurlock came along he got in the carriage with him. Rowe, who was on horseback also gave way and left his confederates on the road. The crowd waited at the bridge and made up songs and danced. The covered wagon then came along having in Hynson, Harrison and Potts.

At the inquest it was sworn to that the third party in the milk wagon was the wife of one of the men. Potts jumped from the wagon and said that the doctor had just geared his team. The murderous gang moved on to the sycamore tree near Mr. Ford's house. The crowd, which then consisted of Williams, Brooks, Emory, Bradshaw, Baynard, Benson, Brown, Potts, Hurtt and Comegys, was halted by Williams, and all said they were in for it. At the conference at Hilyard's store, Brooks gave Comegys twenty-five cents to hold Dr. Hill's horse while the murder was being committed and all the rest were to attack him. This Comegys agreed to. Bradshaw also agreed to help hold the horse, soon after reaching the bridge. The noise made by the dog-cart was heard, when Brooks said here comes the s— of a b— now. Williams, Potts, Brooks and Brown stood out in the middle of the road while the others flanked the unfortunate man on either side. Brooks grabbed the horse by the head and as soon as the horse stopped Comegys and Bradshaw took hold of the bridle, Brooks picked up a stone. Williams said: "Hold on, doctor, I want to see you on business."

"Boys, don't hurt me," said Dr. Hill, "I've not done anything to injure you."

By this time Brooks had got around to the rear of the dog cart and secured a stone. John Potts grasped the doctor around the body and pinoned his arms to his side and rendered him defenseless.

Brooks then struck him three times with the stone. Williams, Potts, Brown and Benson had got out their knives, and Williams cut Hill's throat, at the same time saying to the rest: "Do something to him, if you don't we'll kill you."

Then it was that Brown and Benson pricked the doctor in the head with their pocket knives.

After the doctor's cart had been sent on the crowd, with Brown, Benson and Potts moved down to the litte bridge over the branch at the foot of Ford's Hill; here they halted and made up the story they should tell.

At Cooper's house Williams, Brooks Comegys and Emory went inside. Josh Baynard, Percy Bradshaw and Mary Hurtt did not enter. Williams washed the blood off his trousers and then gave Cooper the details of killing Hill. After Brooks had told his version of the murder, Williams said, "We have killed one man for Tom Campbell, and now we have two more to kill."

It is believed that he had in mind the murder of McWhorter and the miller.

The fact that John Potts, Walter Rowe and Philip Mauder were in the conspiracy was not developed until last Saturday afternoon when Comegys made additional statements, corroborating evidence secured from another source.

Brown and Benson after the murder threw their knives in the branch. Cooper, when told of the details, asked if the doctor "made a fight," and was given the answer, "we didn't give him a chance." The finding of the cuffs and other articles are already well known.

The story of the arrests and the evidence adduced at the coroner's inquest, are too well-known to need repeating. The boy Baynard commenced the series of confessions, which has finally led up to a thorough unraveling of the whole mystery of the murder. Mr. Vickers and W. M. Bates entered in at the threshold of the case, and with a zeal and persistence commensurate with the very satisfactory results, have kept up the untiring hunt for the villainous gang. It was Mr. Vickers and Mr. Bates who prepared the way for the confession of Baynard, at Millington, and he has succeeded in securing the seven confessions from the prisoners which leave the case stripped of all uncertainties. The confession of Brown, on Sunday afternoon, May 1, it is said, was extracted from him by Bates, successfully pretending to be a mind-reader. Benson was arrested on Monday, and in the presence of Sheriff Plummer corroborated Brown's statement of the day before, and the statement was taken in writing. In the original confessions made on the train and in Baltimore, and, indeed, in all of the statements made to Mr. Vickers and Mr. Bates, the conspiracy was closely kept back, and no facts were allowed to come out of touch in their movements only prior to a few minutes before the murder, and his last discovery is a new and complete revelation which connect all of the links of the circumstance and acknowledge facts in such a way as to point to the above as an authentic history of the crime and the circumstances which led to it. The prominent part taken in the fereting out of the murderers by Mr. Vickers and Mr. Bates, and their subsequent arrest by Sheriff Plummer, are all well-known.

Steve Cooper who was released from jail on bail some time ago, received the following letter:

"STEVE COOPER:—You are hereby notified to quit and leave this section of country by next Saturday night without fail. If not you will be dealt with according to law by a committee of White Caps and cross-bones."

At the bottom of the letter were a dirk-knife, a pistol, cross-bones and a coffin. The letter was post-marked Millington. This is the first connected statements of he murderous gang on the night of the murder. There are now sixteen prisoners in jail awaiting trial for complicity in the crime.

The colored women present at Cooper's house when the scheme was made are under surveillance but each having a young child to nurse it was deemed advisible to leave them for the present.

Brooks has been suffering with the rheumatism for the past two weeks. He has been unable to walk and his limb is very much swollen.

The prisoners just put in jail state they do not know anything about the case and think it a very great hardship for them to bear.

The doctor's analysis of the stains on Williams pants is finished and his verdict is that the molasses covered blood stains. Blood stains were also found in each pant's pocket.

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

WHEAT—Longberry, good to prime 92@93
CORN—White and Yellow, 48@52c.
OATS—34@36c.

Washington College.

The Commencement Exercises Successfully Held—The Graduates—Big Sermons.

The Baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday morning in Christ M. P. Church by Rev. S. Reese Murray, of Washington, D. C. It was a grand discourse and on the first page of the NEWS we give the sermon in full for the benefit of our thousands of readers who were not present. At night the Rev. E. H. Hubbard, of Wilmington, Del., addressed a sermon to the Y. M. C. A. in the M. E. Church. His text was "Having done all—Stand," and his style was very pleasing. The discourse was unique and practical and his happy illustrations placed the subject in a clear light. The singing by the choir was a special feature.

MOUNT VERNON LITERARY SOCIETY.

The anniversary exercises of the Mount Vernon Literary Society were held in Stam's Hall on Monday evening. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. D. L. Greenfield. Olin Bryan, Esq., of the Centreville bar, was the orator of the occasion, and took as his subject, The Role We Play in the Drama of Life.

Mr. Bryan, in the first place, advanced the proposition that each man and each woman had a role to perform in the great drama of life, and that each one is called upon to play his individual part with care and watchfulness. By a review of the past, he drew a strong and impressive picture of the possibilities of America's future, under the sturdy impulses of progressive American manhood and energy. But, said the speaker, there are dangers ahead, and it devolves upon the American citizen to be prepared to meet the emergencies of the hour, and be in a position to discharge the functions of his citizenship with an eye single to the greatest good of the people and American institutions. An elaborate review of the political evils incident to our defective immigration laws, the centralization of wealth, and other political evils were dwelt upon, and much sound, practical advice given to the young men comprising the membership of the Mount Vernon Society, and to all present. Mr. Bryan is a fluent and ornate speaker, and a sound reasoner, and his address was a most enjoyable success. Delightful music was furnished by Weber's band, of Baltimore, which was engaged by the Board of Visitors of the college, and rendered the music at all of the commencement exercises.

THE DECLAMATION CONTEST.

On Tuesday morning at 10.30 o'clock the declamation contest took place in Stam's Hall. These contests are always among the most pleasant features of the annual commencement exercises, and the programme as given was no exception to the rule, as the excellence of the selections and the manner of their rendition were fully up to the standard. It would be little less unkind than unjust, to enter into a criticism of the respective pieces, but suffice it to say that they were all excellent. The exercises were opened by music by Weber's band, of Baltimore, followed by prayer by Rev. J. W. Easley. The contestants and their subjects were as follows: Eugene F. Robinson, Ingersoll's Oration at his Brother's Grave; Miss May Matthews, The Painter of Seville; Harry W. Catlin, Lasca; William H. Stewart, Jr., After the Cruel War (Grady); J. Frank Carey, Our Duties to the Republic; Miss M. Belle Boston, The Last Hymn; Earle B. Polk, Reminiscences of Exhibition Day; H. V. Holloway, "The Murderer's Self-Betrayal." Judges: Mrs. James A. Pearce, Hon. Philip D. Laird, of Montgomery county and Rev. J. W. Easley. After carefully considering the merits and demerits of the respective speakers, the first prize of fifteen dollars was awarded to Miss M. Belle Boston, and the second prize, ten dollars to Mr. Harry W. Catlin. The delightful music by the band was a most enjoyable treat to the large audience.

MR. GRAHAM'S ADDRESS.

The address of Mr. James T. Graham, of Cecil county, before the Philomathean Society on Tuesday evening, was attentively listened to by a large audience. The speaker made a most favorable impression and his speech was generally pronounced to be timely in every respect and not less interesting than it was enjoyable for its originality of thought and fund of valuable information. A vigor and steadfastness of purpose were advised and the student of the present or future, by following the vigorous, practical precepts laid down could find but one goal, and that final success, honor and happiness. The address was in every way a fine production and the Philomathean's are to be congratulated upon the wisdom of their choice.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The commencement proper was held in Stam's Hall Wednesday morning. The first honor man was Benj. F. Perkins, who chose "Shall Women Vote" for his subject and his argument against their voting almost convinced some of the ardent woman suffragists present. Wm. B. Usilton, Jr., was second honor man, choosing "Unspoken Language" for his subject, which in composition showed much study and research into history. James W. Chapman, Jr., won third place and spoke on "The Irrepressible Conflict" in a masterly manner. He delivered his speech in fine style and put an earnestness in it that could not help but interest the large audience. R. Earle Fisher handled the subject "Dangers of a Second Presidential Term" in an admirable manner and clearly pointed them out. W. Dunbar Gould, Jr., spoke of "The Status of Modern Science" in a manner that impressed his hearers very favorably. He is the youngest member of the class and showed his ability to cope with the older ones on this occasion.

Mr. Eugene A. Robinson was awarded the gold medal for proficiency in the Junior class studies. Dr. Reid, the principal, made a short address full of practical points and of a very pleasing nature. He is worthy of all the encomiums of praise that are heaped upon him by the friends of the college. He is the right man in the right place.

The following students were announced as deserving of special mention:

M. Thomas, 96.8; Robinson, 96.6; B. F. Perkins, 95; Burns, 93; W. B. Usilton, Jr., 92; Cameron, 91.7; Morris, 91.3; J. P. Jefferson, 90.9; Chadman, 90.8; W. C. Brown, 90; Holloway, 89.8; Merritt, 89.8; Merriken, 89.7; Hanna, 89.1; Boston, 89; Jump, 87.7; C. C. Brown, 88.1; E. B. Polk, 88.1; Leaverton, 87.3; H. W. Perkins, 87.3; Gould, 86.5; Parker, 86.4; Fisher, 86.2; Matthews, 85.7; P. Brown, 84.7; W. C. Copper, 84.2; E. Usilton, 84.1; J. A. F. Carey, 83.2; J. Greenfield, 82.6; Clifton, 81.5; Simonson, 81.5; McFeely, 80.9; Greenwood, 80.8; Wickes, 80.5; Trenchard, 80.5; Melvin, 79.8; Moffett, 79.8.

The Junior Medal of the Visitors and Governors was conferred upon Eugene F. Robinson, of Sharptown, Md.

A. M. Degree in Course—W. S. Stevens, J. S. W. Jones.

ALUMNI BANQUET.

Immediately after the address by Mr. J. T. Graham before the Philomathean Society, the alumni held their business meeting in the parlors of the Voshell House and calling Mr. Samuel Vannort to the chair, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Harrison W. Vickers; vice-presidents, Colin F. Stam, Thomas Perry and Hyland P. Stewart; recording secretary, M. Wilbur Thomas; corresponding secretary, Prof. Rowland Watts; treasurer, Dr. H. L. Dodd, and the following executive committee: Chas. T. Westcott, John D. Urie and Wm. Janvier, of Kent; James E. Ellegood, of Wicomico; R. C. Thackery, of Cecil; Rev. Geo. E. Wood, of Queen Anne's; Reuben Garey, of Caroline; E. R. Jump, of Talbot; R. W. Mobray, of Dorchester; W. Tingle Dickerson, of Worcester; Rev. O. H. Murphy, of Somerset, and Col. N. R. Johnson, of Delaware; and Dr. W. J. Wroth, of Baltimore city. After the election of officers the company adjourned to the banquet hall. The tables were not, as has been the custom, loaded down with fruit and good things but the banquet was served in five distinct courses. Dr. W. F. Hines was master of ceremonies and presided in a very felicitous manner over the feast of good things and the flow of soul. Rev. A. T. Melvin asked the blessing. James A. Pearce responded to the toast, "the board of visitors," congratulating the board and the faculty upon the prosperous condition of the college with her nearly one hundred students and brightening prospects, and spoke of many anticipated improvements—assuring the alumni that only the limited exchequer of the college prevented the college board making all the improvements advocated by our alert president, Dr. Reid. The doctor when called to respond to Our Faculty said that he made it a rule when not inclined to do anything himself to call upon some other member of the faculty. He therefore called Prof. Micou who said that as speech was silver and silence golden, he was opposed to an unlimited coinage of silver. The professor made a very interesting speech notwithstanding. Prof. Watts responded to the alumni, Thos. D. Bowers to the Good Old Times. Rev. G. E. Wood also made remarks along this line and encouraged the alumni by referring to the vast improvements being made. Perry, the joveal Tom, was happy as usual in the remarks with which he responded to the call of the toast master. Twitting Kent county upon her Hood's Sarsaparilla barns and Mandrake's Pill fences and especially upon our world famous railroad. Jas. W. Chapman, Jr., responded for the class of 1892 in a neat little speech. Wm. B. Usilton, Jr., said some encouraging things with reference to the athletic outlook of the college. He thinks we are in the race for a creditable place next year. The banquet was a strictly cold water affair and was a compliment to the temperance sentiment prevailing in the community and associations. Some things might have been added perhaps but there was a grand provision for the wants of the inner man as the following menu will show.

RELEVE:
Soft Shelled Crabs, cream dress; Potato Croquetts,
ENTREES:
Broiled Chicken, Bermuda Potatoes, with cream; French Peas, Slaw, Fried Oysters, Lettuce and Tomato Sauce, Moyonnaise Sauce.
RELISHES:
Mixed Pickles, Olives, Worcestershire Sauce.
ICES:
Jelly Cake, Chocolate Cake, Pound Cake, Ice Cream Cake, Orange Cake, Vanilla Cream, Chocolate Cream, Strawberry Cream, Orange Ice, Lemon Ice.
DESSERTS:
Oranges, Bananas, Almonds, Raisins, Bent's Crackers, Cheese, Coffee, Tea, Cigars.

The gastronomic committee, Charles T. Westcott, Dr. Samuel Beck and Hiram Brown deserve praise for the success which crowned their efforts.

THE COLLEGE BALL.

The ball was a special feature of the commencement and there was a big attendance. The floor committee consisted of Messrs. Harry W. Catlin, Carole C. Perkins, Harry Hurtt and George Brice. Among those present we noticed:

Misses Lilian Hynson, Bel'e Aldridge, Madge Meeteer, Anna Trenchard, Vevia Perkins, Eulce Gemmil, Ethel Crisfield, Julia and Belle Emory, Miss Strong, Grace Turner, Hallie Ireland, Anna Cacy Mrs. R. D. Hynson, Miss Mamie Catlin, Misses Atkinson, Hope Wickes, Mr. T. D. France and wife, Misses Ida Camp, Carrie Jones, Mrs. Harry Boyd, Misses Mamie Patterson, Lottie Wickes, Annie Brice, Mary Hurtt, May Price, Miss Janvier, May Parrott, Eva Connelly, Clara Perkins, Nannie and Daisy Brice, Hallie Ireland, Sallie Gemmil, Annie and E. Rasin, Sadie Crow, Miss Wilkins. Messrs. J. A. Pearce, W. S. Walker, C. W. Perkins, T. W. Perkins, L. W. Wickes, G. Brice, Harry Catlin, R. Earle Fisher, Harry Hurtt, W. E. Cacy, E. C. Carter, W. T. Downes, Profs. Micou and Clarke, Dr. W. Frank Hines, W. H. Stewart, Jr., Robert Emory, Page Strong, Stephen Constable, Jr., Wm. Bell, Carolie C. Perkins, Herman Perkins, Mr. Atkinson, James Beck, Romie Skirven, Bert DeCourse, John Welch, H. Clay Brown, Herman Ireland, C. Brown, W. Price, DeCoursey Ruth, Joseph Rasin, John Janvier, Hiram Brown and wife, Harry Cacy, Earle B. Polke, George Parrot, Woodland Hurtt, A. V. Burris, A. G. Smith, W. D. Gould, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, W. C. Brown, E. T. Comegys, W. Welch, P. Hollis, Dr. G. Perkins, Harry Simpers, Dave Ford, John Brice. Baltimore—Miss Earle, Misses Bessie Poe Gilpin, Essie Norfork, Tenie Aldridge, Hattie Seemuller, Miss Dallam, Misses Bowerman, Misses Smith, Mr. Albert Rivers. Elkton—Miss Hollingsworth, Miss Arline Constable. Queen Anne's—Edw. Valiant, J. H. C. Legg, Arthur Reed, Wm. McKenney, Wm. and Tom Trenchard, E. Feddeman, E. Price, J. McFadden, James Bordley, Walter Brown, R. and Lu