THE KENT NEWS.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.:

SATURDAY MORNING - - JAN. 14, 1893.

The Ending!

In other columns of the NEWS will be found particulars of the great crime that startled our county in April last, and some of the successive steps from that to the last scene on the gallows, which took place in the jail yard at noon yesterday.

Never in the history of our county, but once, have our people been so deeply grieved. The other was caused by a similar crime—a whole family was murdered in their beds on the night of July 27, 1851, and the three murderers were hung together on the hill adjoining Chester Cemetery.

This last great crime, about which our people are so stirred today, will go down through the ages as one of the most atrocious. A young physician, in the prime of life, of highest character and noted for his kindness of heart and professional generosity, is waylaid in the night on the public road and brutally murdered. His errand of mercy is cut short by his own death. His young wife is widowed and a little babe is fatherless; aged parents are bereft and broken-hearted, and brothers are bowed down with sorrow. Is it any wonder that the people have been excited and indignant in consequence?

The sympathy with the aged father and mother of the murdered man is universal in this county. To assuage their sorrow and lessen their burdens of grief would be our greatest pleasure today. May they take comfort in the knowledge of the people's warm affection for them!

The particular community which has been most deeply stirred and afflicted has found some vindication at least in the gallows scene of yesterday. May all others in any way concerned in the dreadful crime be speedily brought to justice.

The sheriff of Kent county, Edward J. Plummer is a [illegible] sheriff's good wife, Mrs. Plummer, and no less heroic has been her devotion and success.

The question of commutation has been the occasion of great feeling in some sections of the county, and some have gone so far as to question even the right of private opinion on the subject when it was favorable thereto. We have been careful to avoid any expression editorially in our columns and have shut out all communications but a few carefully expressed suggestions by one or two old and intelligent citizens in different parts of the county.

Gov. Brown while at the jail last Saturday, stated his inability to get information from people in Kent; he said he was astonished at the lack of petitions on either side—that the sheriff's parlor would hold nearly as many people as had signed the petitions either for or against commutation, and he was therefore compelled to come here and investigate the matter for himself. In another column will be found the reasons the Governor assigns for his action. Time will determine the propriety or the impropriety of the Governor's course.

Press Opinion.

Our readers will no doubt like to see what the "outside world" think of Governor Brown's action. The following extracts are from leading editorals in the papers named:

Baltimore Sun: Governor Brown has seen proper to exercise the power vested in him by the constitution to the extent of commuting the sentence of death pronounced upon four of the murderers of Dr. Hill—the four younger members of the party of eight who were under conviction and sentence and upon whom the last sentence of the law was to have been executed on Friday. We see nothing in the Governor's action to justify any special excitement either in the locality where the murder was committed or elsewhere in the State. The murder was one of peculiar atrocity and without one circumstance of extenuation or palliaton. Had all the participants in the crime been of mature age there would have been no possible show of reason for extending the slightest clemency to any one of them, much less in making a distinction between the measure of punishment to be meted out to persons presumably in fact, as in the eye of the law, equally guilty. It is not probable, however, that, morally speaking, all of the murderers of Dr. Hill were equally guilty, although legally their guilt and responsibility were necessarily the same. The difference in the ages of eight negroes suggests almost inevitably the inference that some were the ringleaders and the instigators, and that others participated through persuasion or compulsion. The difference in age, and presumably in judgment and will power, equally suggests a difference in moral, if not in legal, responsibility.

If the Governor has leaned to the side of mercy in commuting the sentence of those who were boys in age, and leaving the four adult murderers to their fate, he certainly has left a sufficiently terrible warning and example.

Baltimore Evening News: It seems that the boys, whose sentence has been commuted, while guilty under the strict letter of the law, do not deserve the extreme punishment which is to be inflicted upon their seniors, who plotted the crime and carried it into execution. For these ringleaders no punishment could be too severe but to execute the same sentence upon the boys who were merely spectators of the crime would not be justice, but brutality.

In exercising his prerogative, the Governor has shown a proper sense of justice, and public opinion, while it may not now fully sustain him, will sooner or later.

Baltimore Morning Herald: It should be said in behalf of the Governor, that inasmuch as he must have anticipated the hostile criticism which is being directed against him, his course was at least courageous and independent. Thus, while his reasons for commuting the sentences may have been illogical, his firmness in performing his duty as he perceived it is to be commended.

At all events, it can be said that of the eight assassins of Dr. Hill four of them must spend their lives in prison at hard labor, and the other four [illegible] their lives on the scaffold at Chest[illegible] Thus the vengeance of the law w[illegible] been appeased in no insignificant m[illegible] and a fearful object lesson exposed [illegible] warning to evil-doers throughout the [illegible] The *Morning Herald* counsels the peop[illegible] Kent county to a quiet and manly [illegible] mission to the forms of law, with th[illegible] assurance that Governor Brown has at least acted for what he deemed to be the welfare of the commonwealth. If a mistake has been made it was an error of judgment, not of purpose. The Governor has kept within the law, and to that ex[illegible] tent is entitled to the approbation of peaceful citizens.

Baltimore American: The object of punishment is not revenge, but the prevention of crime, and this object will be more certainly accomplished by putting to death the four principal murderers, and placing the younger and less guilty criminals in the penitentiary for life. Governor Brown was placed in a peculiarly embarrassing position.

People in Kent clamored for the execution of eight men. But Governor Brown is governor of the whole State, and he was compelled to protect the State against a horror which six months hence the people of Kent will condemn quite as heartily as others. A difficulty also confronted him in the excited condition of the popular mind in Kent. If he commuted the sentences of four of the prisoners they might be lynched, and the State would be doubly disgraced. He was fully equal to the emergency. He acted with promptness and courage. Those who conveyed the commutation brought the prisoners to their living tombs in the penitentiary. By the decision of Governor Brown, the majesty of the law will be fully vindicated, and the State of Maryland will be saved from the the most horrible spectacle of which there is a record in this country—a spectacle more calculated to brutalize than to benefit any community.

Unjust Reflections.

In the Baltimore *American* of last Tuesday appears a communication signed "A Marylander," which does great injustice to the prisoners' counsel engaged in the Hill murder trial. They are denounced and lectured in unmeasured terms. It is doubtful if this writer is a Marylander, as he would have us believe from his signature, for it is almost incredible that any Marylander should be so lamentably ignorant of the subjects he undertakes to handle. The two gentlemen—James A. Pearce and Marion deK. Smith—need no defense at our hands in communites where they are known, and they are well known throughout the length and breadth of this commonwealth, both as astute lawyers and faithful counsellors, as well as men of high honor and moral worth. The writer referred to should have consulted some of the facts and circumstances of the case before rushing into print. The prisoners' counsel alluded to did their whole duty, and the court bore testimony to this in summing up the case, as follows: "Not having yourselves engaged counsel to defend you, the court assigned to that duty two of the most experienced members of this bar, and it is only proper to say that in the conduct of your defence they faithfully discharged their whole duty." Because these counsel may not have conducted themselves after the trial according to the views of th is critic is no reason for his slanderous re flections.

The two gentlemen so grossiy slandered are justly indignant, and will hold the publishers of the *American* responsible.

Our National Banks.

The annual stockholders' meetings for the election of directors, etc., were held in our banks last Tuesday. At the Chestertown National the old bord of directors was chosen by a unanimous vote as follows: Chas. T. Westcott, T. W. Eliason, Jr., R. D. Hynson, Edwin S. Valliant, Frank H. Harper, Alday Clements and Marion deK. Smith. The following officers were elected: Harry Rickey, cashier; W. W. Chapman, paying teller; R. S. Thomas, receiving teller; Allie Thomas, runner.

A dividend of five per cent. was declared at the last meeting of the board of directors making ten per cent. for the year, and the surplus was increased $3,400. The deposits at the close of business January 3, 1893, was $317,000, discounts, $257,000.

The Second National also re-elected its old board of directors as follows: James A. Pearce, Jos. A. Wickes, H. W. Vickers, H. H. Barroll, Garrett Foxwell, W. W. Hubbard, J. K. H. Jacobs, Thos. H. Horsey, David Hurlock. W. B. Copper was re-elected cashier, Wm. F. Wroth, receiving and paying teller; Eben F. Perkins, Jr., book-keeper. The bank increased its surplus $2,000 and declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent. clear of taxes, which makes a yearly dividend of six per cent. Its deposits on January 3 were $208,357.78; discounts $176,310.43.

ANOTHER SURPRISE.—Rev. W. Easley, the popular pastor of Chestertown M. E. Church, was given a genuine Methodist surprise, heaped and running over with pleasure and enjoyment. The party of friends met at Mrs. A. M. Brown's on Queen street and from thence they went to the parsonage. Among the lot of articles donated was a barrel of flour, sugar by the hundred pounds, meats, fruits, etc., etc. Mr. C. M. Lucas on behalf of the ladies of the church presented Mrs. Easley with a purse containing $25. The happy pastor and his wife offered their sincere thanks for the tokens of remembrance and asked that God's richest blessings might fall upon them.

THE thermometer registered 3 degrees above zero Wednesday morning and has not been below 16 degrees the past week. Five inches of snow fell Wednesday night and Thursday morning. The following was received from Turner's Creek as follows: We are all well as usual. It has been cold enough for us for some time, our thermometer registered last night at 7 o'clock 4 degrees above zero, this morning at 7 o'clock it was 2 degrees below. How does that do for winter?

THE College is in very bad fix now about he water. The pipes are all burst and a water famine prevails. All the water used by the students has to be brought from Mr. Willard Melvin's residence, and in such weather as this it is unpleasant to say the least. Workmen came up to look at the pipes but nothing has been done. Can the Board of Visitors do nothing?

THE Kent train was the first to report at Clayton last Tuesday and Conductor Welch brought her in on time at Chestertown. Mail agent Lambert says that Engineer Reed brought them through the snow drifts without any trouble whatever.

THE wedding of Miss Hallie Beck, daughter of Dr. Samuel Beck, and Mr. Allen Harris, purser on the Emma A. Ford, is announced to take place in the Protestant Episcopal Church, Chestertown, at 11 A. M., Wednesday, January 25. No cards have been issued in the county.

THE three-year-old son of Mr. Thomas J. Parsons made a very narrow escape from burning yesterday morning. His dress caught fire from standing too close to the stove, but fortunately his mother was near and smothered the smoking clothes.

W[illegible]S, BROWN AND COMEGYS EXPIATE THEIR GREAT CRIME!

Dreadful Closing Scenes!

THE BOY DIES HARDEST!

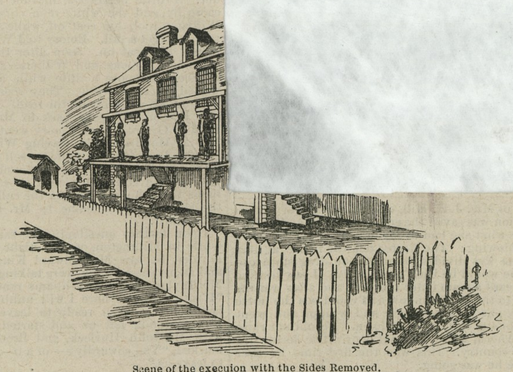
Clamorous Crowds to See Horrible Sights!

SCENES IN THE JAIL!—FULL OF REPORTERS!—MULTITUDINOUS "CONFESSIONS!"

How the Prisoners Spent the Preceding Hours!

The last great act in the awful tragedy that has stirred Kent county from centre to circumferance was enacted at 12 o'clock yesterday. Each succeeding wave of excitement has swept over our county but the climax was only reached when three men and one boy were swept into eternity by the hangman's rope to expiate the most heinous crime that has visited this county since the Cosden murder.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the prisoners were breakfasted, the bill of [illegible] being ham, beef, light bread, biscuits [illegible] honey. Brooks and Mose ate a fair b[illegible] fast, but Williams and Comegys ate [illegible] little, they each attributing the cau[illegible]



Scene of the execuion with the Sides Removed.

having eaten too many cakes the previous night. Afterwards Rev.s A. A. Murray, F. S. Dennis and A. B. Queeley counseled and prayed with the men until the fatal hour. When the NEWS man approached Brooks' cell, about 10 o'clock, he wanted to know what time it was and when the execution would take place. When told he expressed no concern whatever, but simply said he was willing to go at any time. Sheriff Plummer and Constable Jump fixed the ropes to the cross-beam at 11 o'clock and the prisoners were ordered by Deputy A. I. Dugan to prepare for the scaffold.

At this point Mr. S. J. Hill and his two sons, Harry and Walter S., were given the privilege of conversing privately with the prisoners, but nothing new was developed.

Charles Brooks was the first cell entered by Deputy Dugan and Watchman Storks. Brooks stood in the centre of his cell and without a quiver or look of concern allowed his arms and hands to be tied. He was asked if he had anything to say, but said he had not.

Fletcher Williams' cell was next entered by the same officers, and all the time his arms and hands were being tied he watched the men intently and showed by his demeanor that he felt the awfulness of the moment. He had nothing to say.

Moses Brown was as happy as usual and his eyes looked bigger than ever before. While his hands were being tied he said that he was not afraid to die as he had nothing to do with it. The watchman had some difficulty in unlocking his leg-iron and Mose remarked that Brooks' key and his were the same and if they would get Brooks' key they would have no trouble. When Mose was marched up to where his comrades were standing he began to break down and in a grieving voice said they were certainly hanging an innocent man. His spiritual advisers were near at hand and soon encouraged him by their words of comfort and cheer.

The boy, Frisby Comegys, was the last one to be prepared for the final scene. From Frisby's condition early in the morning it was feared he might break down, and the sheriff, to guard against all emergencies, had prepared a stretcher, but it was not needed. He was as serene as either of the men and bore up remarkably well.

The men were brought close to the corridor door leading to the scaffold and then the last rites and ceremonies were performed by Revs. Sargent, A. B. Queely and F. S. Dennis, in the presence of the watchers, physicians, reporters and a few others. The march to the scaffold was led by Sheriff E. J. Plummer, followed by Deputy Dugan, Fletcher Williams, Charles Brooks, Frisby Comegys, Moses Brown, the preachers and watchmen. The noose was fixed around the neck of each and the black cap drawn over the head by Deputy Dugan. The word was then given to Sheriff Plummer, who pulled the leaver which landed four persons into eternity! It was exactly 12.25 when the drop fell. Around the scaffold were at least three hundred men who pushed their way to the hanged men as soon as the drop fell.

It was indeed a horrible sight when the condemned men fell through the trap. Moses drew his limbs up several times as did also Williams. The boy, Comegys, was fearful to behold! It was evident that he was strangling to death! His cries of "Oh, Lord! Oh, Oh!" were audible, and his bodily contortions made strong men shudder. His pinioned arms were lifted almost to his head, while his legs were both drawn among the colored race, and he came here in order to give comfort to these condemned wretches, as he had heard that they sadly needed spiritual instruction. He went into the cell of each prisoner and to a NEWS reporter stated that he obtained confessions from each of them, but that his order bound him to hold all he had in absolute secrecy, not even the courts being permitted to demand it from him. The prisoners were afterwards seen by the NEWS man and they stated that they had told the reverend gentleman no more than they did any other person.

Rev. A. A. Murray, of Butlertown circuit, Rev. F. S. Dennis, of Bethel A. M. E. Church, and Rev. A. B. Queeley, of Janes M. E. Church, were present during the day and prayed with the prisoners at intervals.

After eating a hearty supper the prisoners renewed their devotions until interrupted by callers.

Rev. A. A. Murray was with the prisoners all night and said that he had no doubt of their spiritual welfare, as they seemed prepared for the end that awaited them.

The NEWS reporter visited each of the prisoners during the evening from whom the following statements were obtained.

"Buck" Brooks was sitting in a chair looking out his cell window, while before him lay an unfinished letter to Frank and Bennie Greenwood, sons of Watchmen Greenwood, who have often read the bible to him. Brooks said "I certainly had nothing to do with murdering Dr. Hill, nor did I see him that night. If I saw him I do not know anything of it. I believe other people did the killing, although I do not know it to be a fact. I heard a certain man with whom I lived near Galena, say that a white man near Millington killed the doctor because he killed this man's wife. If I knew anything of the affair I should tell it because I know how bad it would be for me to go before God with a lie on my lips."

Bradshaw told a lie on us fellows. I heard him say that the reason he did not tell on Potts was because Potts told him that after he, Bradshaw, got out of jail his, Potts', brother would kill him.

The letter penned to the little boys was as follows: "My boys I guess that I never will see you again in this life, so good by. Meet me in glory; think of me as I am leaving this world and trust in God and you shall see me again for now I am going to bid the world a final farewell. To-morrow I am going to die; so good by. From your friend, Chas. W. Brooks.

Fletcher Williams was reading the fifth chapter of Matthew but did not seem to be very deeply engrossed and readily talked. "I am," he said," innocent and I know I have got to die. I would not die with a lie on my lips and therefore I tell you only the truth. I know how awful it would be to go before God with a lie on my lips but He knows I am telling the truth. I did not see Dr. Hill that night after six o'clock—then he was in town. He spoke to me and I spoke to him. We only stopped three times in going out of town. We never stopped at the sycamore tree but some of us danced on the bridge near town. I stopped at Ford's gate with Mose Brown, and as I was leaving he told me to come over and play checkers. I have my suspicions who killed Dr. Hill but of course it would be useless to say anything because it is all over now and I shall soon die. It was Mr. ——— who killed Dr. Hill having been bi[illegible] nounced Brooks [illegible] his neck also ha[illegible] Wethered stated t[illegible] dead in fifteen min[illegible] r the d[illegible] while Dr. Hines pronounced Friz Comegys dead in seventeen minutes after the fall. The doctor said that he died from strangulation and dislocation of the neck.

The Last Days.

Guards paced to and fro around the county jail during the whole of Thursday and Thursday night, while within all was calm and serene. The whitewashed walls of the jail corridor reflected the lights that burned during the night and the iron bars looked more terrible than muskets, as from behind them the condemned men talked or wrote.

Wednesday night was without exciting incident. Some anticipated the arrival of lynchers, and guards were on the alert in the jail all during the night. Watchmen Storks, Rambo, Pote and Greenwood were all on duty, and it was evident from the prisoners' manner that they were uneasy. Friz went to bed at midnight, but was soon up and reading his bible. He continued to get up and go to bed all during the night and was very uneasy. Brooks, Williams and Brown retired about 2 o'clock, but were up early and immediately commenced reading their bibles.

Thursday was crowded with incidents, and whenever the prisoners were not reading they were invariably writing farewell epistles to their friends and others. Indeed it was remarkable the number of letters that the condemned men wrote. Every one who asked for a remembrance from the prisoners was readily given a letter of farewell, all of the same wording, and in which they declared their innocence of the crime.

Rev. S. C. Roberts, of the P. E. Church, [illegible] Frisby [illegible] autographs goes [illegible] my father's house are many mansions, etc." In his prayer he asked the Lord to forgive him of his great guilt, but said he was innocent of taking any part whatever in the murder of Dr. Hill. "I have lied, but now I tell the whole truth."

The prisoners all ate heartily of cakes, peanuts, etc., during the night.

At midnight Williams, after saying his prayers, came to the cell door and complained of the cold, and after asking if the other boys have gone to bed, turns in and in ten minutes is snoring. Friz soon after retires and sleeps soundly. Mose is the next to turn in and his snoring can be heard plainly.

Brooks said he never retired until after 1 o'clock. About 1 A. M. he went to his bed and sat down and soon was singing a hymn, "This religion I do feel it saves my soul from hell, glory hallelujah," etc. After singing for a few minutes he kneels down beside his bed and pours out a seemingly earnest and sincere prayer. It was a wonderful prayer, couched in elegant language, and as he prayed for forgiveness his voice became louder and louder, while his hands and arms gesticulated wildly. He prayed for all people, all nations, classes and races' and asked that God would place a perfect paradise of love within his heart.

About 2 A. M. Mr. Samuel J. Hill and son, Mr. Walter S., arrived at the jail and asked to see the prisoners in private. This was gladly accorded the bereaved parent. He stated that he wanted to find out why it was that his son was killed and who were [illegible] on his [illegible] hours [illegible] hing [illegible] If I [illegible] left [illegible] my [illegible] ly tell [illegible] me and [illegible] farm work [illegible] and feel ele[illegible] little while." [illegible] said he had [illegible] re he died. [illegible] ng several [illegible] my father's

Frightened Reporters.

Quite an amusing episode occurred about this time. In the dining room sat twelve newspaper men busily engaged writing while in the parlor were several more. Mr. L. Stevens looked out the window and saw shadows of men and informed those inside that the lynchers had arrived, and at the same time there was a knock at the door. John M. Carter, Jr., of the Baltimore *News*, happened to be standing near the door and hurriedly called outside "I am not the doorkeeper but I will call him." Every man jumped from his seat, grabbed his overcoat and copy and crouched in the nearest closet or alcove he could find! Watchman Stephens opened the door and found *one* man who was cold and wanted to come in. Of course the laugh followed.

After this all was quiet at the jail. The prisoners retired and spent several hours in sleep.

Fletcher Williams bundled up his clothes and other things Thursday and requested Watchman Storks to send them to his home folks. He wrote a letter to Charles Emory, one of the boys in penitentiary telling him "you have gone and left us but I have a better chance than you because you have lied and I haven't."

Frizby Comegys, the boy, packed his belongings Thursday noon and asked Mr. Storks to send them home. He changed his shirt in the afternoon telling Mr. Storks that he was getting ready to go.

Charles Brooks called Watchman Rambo late Thursday night and asked that his clothes, bible and a box of cake should be sent to his parents at Golt's.

Moses Brown wrote a letter to his wife, his mother and father and asked that his bible, etc., be sent to his home.

Newspapers were represented here from all parts of Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania, and when the last act was finished each vied with the other to telegraph the result to his paper first. Friend Ewell, of the *Sun*, had a team headed for the depot, and so had Brother Carter, of the *News*. Ewell was in the jail yard, and as soon as the trap was sprung ran quickly to his carriage and drove to the depot, but the *News* was ahead of him. Carter was informed when the trap was sprung by one of his aids throwing a handkerchief over the fence, and by this means reached the depot first and sent his telegram.

The bodies were taken in charge by Undertaker John N. Dodd, who, assisted by Mr. Bradley, of Crumpton, buried the men in the almshouse cemetery.

Each of the men and the boy denied to the very last any complicity or knowledge of the murder. They thanked the sheriff, his wife, deputy sheriff, and his wife for their kindness to them and wrote letters to each of the watchmen—John H. Greenwood, Thos. Storks, Fred. Pote and David Rambo—expressing the best regards for their future.

Guards made their headquarters at the court house and a strict guard was kept about the jail all Thursday night and Friday morning.

Officer Kelley had as his assistants Messrs. F. H. Howard, Wm. and George Burke, F. Baker, Wm. Fowler, T. J. Joiner and Jas. Russell and the order in town has never been excelled.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—Christ M. P. Sunday School held its annual meeting last Sunday afternoon when the following officers were elected; Superintendent, Fred G. Usilton; assistant, Mrs. T. R. Hubbard; secretary, Miss Nettie Russell; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Bacchus; organist, Miss Clara B. Usilton; pianist, Mrs. J. D. Bacchus; chorister, W. W. Chapman; assistants, Miss Lottie Russell and Mrs. Frank Plummer; librarian, Percy T. McFeely; assistant, Wm. Howard. The superintendent-elect refused to serve, stating that it was altogether out of the question for him to accept so responsible a position.

[illegible] —with a persistency [illegible] —the Chester River [illegible] was compelled to ac[illegible] supremacy of the ice king [illegible] Tuesday. On Monday morning the last successful effort was made to keep the river open. Notwithstanding the heavy ice, which solidly closed the river and creeks, the company's two propellers left the wharf here with many passengers. The Corsica started out at 5 A. M. and three hours later the Gratitude followed in her track. At the mouth of Corsica creek the Corsica was found at a stand still; she had been five hours making fifteen miles. The Gratitude pushed her out, and the two thus battled together against the enemy and finally succeeded in reaching Kent Island. Herculean efforts were made to reach Jackson's creek and Rock Hall, but the ice was too heavy and the officers of both boats reluctantly turned bayward and successfully reached the city at 4.15 P. M. Though everything indicated failure, President Warfield said the regular trip would be made next morning. Sure enough the boats started out. The night had been bitter cold and the morning opened worse—high wind, falling temperature and a driving snow-storm. Both steamers got through the harbor and river blockade and crossed the bay, and then began their losing fight in the mouth of Chester river. The steamers' officers soon saw it would be utterly impossible to get to Chestertown and made a final effort to reach Rock Hall, but failed. Returning, the steamers got back to the city about 3 P. M.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the Chester River Company for their earnest efforts to accommodate the traveling public.

Chicken Thieves Caught.

Officer Kelley happened to be at Mr. Joseph N. Wheatley's store Tuesday when Thomas Belt was selling some chickens. Thomas was asked by Mr. Kelley where he got so many chickens and he replied "at uncle Ben Scott's. "You come and go with me," he said, and Belt was marched to jail, on the way to jail he remarked to the officer—"you ought to get the other two fellows." "What other two," asked Mr. Kelley, "Why, Henry Johnson and Ben Scott, sir."

"I'll attend to them," said the officer.

After Belt was placed in jail search was made for the other two but Johnson was the only one arrested. He was placed in a cell adjoining Brooks. When the boys were removed he thought it a lynching party and cried out "I am no murderer, I am only a chicken thief.

A hearing was held before Justice Johnson Wednesday, who held it under consideration. Mr. Robert Kemble, from whom the chickens were stolen, carried seventeen of his fowls home, all dressed. Mr. E. J. Watson lost quite a number of chickens recently.

CHANGE OF FIRM.—Mr. Frank Wright has withdrawn from the firm of Wright & Loney, commission merchants, and the firm will now be Loney & Co., 215 S. Charles St., Baltimore. See their card in another column.

FOR SALE:

A WHITE CEDAR FISHING BOAT, 19 feet long, lapped seams and copper nailed, built expressly for Pound Fishing and Gilling. Also, Two Pound Nets, Forebeys and Hedging, will be sold cheap. Apply to or address R. S. EMORY, Chestertown, Md. j14-tf.

THE MILLINGTON MILLS.

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TOWN TAX NOTICE.

The Corporation Taxes are now over-due, and interest may be charged from January 1st, 1893. For the convenience of those not having paid, I will be at the Court House, in office of Register of Wills, Mondays and Fridays, from 3 until 5 o'clock. JOSEPH N. WHEATLEY, Collector of Taxes. j14-tf.

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Office Hours 8:30 to 12 A. M., 1 to 4 P. M
MAIN STREET, - - - CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
Adjoining D. A. Bacchus' Store.

Public Sale.
BY VIRTUE of an order of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, the undersigned will offer at Public Sale, at his late residence in Morgan Creek Neck, the personal property of the late Charles W. Jones,
On SATURDAY, January 14, 1893,
at 10 o'clock A. M., in part as follows:
1 Bay Mare, 1 Gray Mare
1 Wagon, 2 Sets Wagon Harness,
1 Top Carriage, Cultivators, Harrows, Rakes, Spades, Forks, Axe, Collars, Bridles, 2 Bedsteads, 2 Feather Beds, Mattress, Bureau, Chairs, Stands, &c.
TERMS:—Under $10 cash; $10 and over a credit of Seven Months will be given on Note with security approved by the undersigned.
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT, Administrator. j7-ts.

Public Sale!
THE undersigned will sell at Public Sale at her home, near Rock Hall,
On WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25th, 1893,
commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following personal property, to wit:
2 Horses, 1 Mare,
3 COWS, 1 HEIFER,
FARMING UTENSILS,
HAY PRESS, CIDER MILL, new;
Also, Household and Kitchen Furniture,
and other goods.
TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash; all over that amount a credit of Twelve Months, approved security, payable at National Bank, Chestertown. j14 ts. MRS. M. G. YOUNG.

Carpets, Rugs.
I HAVE ADDED TO MY FURNITURE HOUSE A NEW DEPARTMENT IN WHICH WILL BE KEPT A NICE LINE OF CARPETS AND RUGS.
PERCY T. McFEELY.

Wanted to Purchase Immediately!
LIVE, FAT HOGS,
Calves and Cattle,
Also, Muskrat, Mink, Rabbit Opossum, Coon, Fox, Sheep and all kinds of FURS and SKINS.
HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR ALL.
BUTCHER THOMPSON, d10-4m. Opposite Voshell House.

WM. W. RASIN,
—AGENT FOR THE—
GENEVA NURSERIES,
GENEVA, NEW YORK,
WM. and THOMAS SMITH, Prop'rs.
One of the oldest and most reliable nurseries in New York. All goods guaranteed true to name. Parties wanting Nursery Stock of any kind would do well to address him at STILL POND, as he can supply them with FIRST-CLASS STOCK at REASONABLE PRICES. d24-tf.

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Choicest and Cheapest Line of Towels
TO BE FOUND.
BARGAINS in GLASS and CHINAWARE.
Remember every customer has a chance for a ticket to the World's Fair.
WESTCOTT & DODD, Dec. 17, 1892. Chestertown, Md.

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Is Still Up Town,
and prepared to furnish the people of Chestertown —and Kent county with—
FRESH BREAD,
BUNS, CAKES, PIES, &c.,
in any quantity.
WE ALSO HAVE A
NICE LINE OF CONFECTIONERY
Call and see us.

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HORSE-SHOEING!
General Blacksmithing,
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SAMUEL HICKS,
NEAR THE COURT HOUSE,
gives Special attention to HORSE-SHOEING, and having enlarged his shops and procured a full supply of material and skilled workmen, is now prepared to do general Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, &c. My Wheelwright Lumber has been examined by good judges and pronounced to be of the very best and thoroughly seasoned.
NEW WORK kept on hand and made to order, and all kinds of REPAIRING done at short notice at the most reasonable rates.

400 YOUNGSTERS Now Ready.
Indian Games $2 each, Golden Wyandottes, Barred Plymoth Rocks and S. C. B. Leghorns $1 each.
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TO RENT for 1893:
TWO HOUSES conveniently situated, one with two rooms on first floor and three on second; one with two rooms on each floor. Gardens enclosed. Water in yard.
Apply at KENT NEWS OFFICE. Dec. 3, 1892—tf.

Trustee's Sale.
BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Cirtuit Court of Kent county, in the case of George W. Harper versus Charles Ringgold, et al., the undersigned, duly appointed trustee, will offer at Public Sale
On TUESDAY, February 7, 1893,
in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Maryland, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. the following
Real Estate in Still Pond
Kent county, Maryland, consisting of a
Lot of LAND,
on Trustee's Street, adjoining the lands of Lewis Johnson, John F. Beeks et. al.,
About 1-4 Acre of Land,
AND IMPROVED BY A
Dwelling and Usual Out-Buildings
owned by Risdon Ringgold in his lifetime.
Terms of Sale:
$100 00 cash on the day of sale, and the balance in Twelve Months from the day of sale, with interest till paid, to be secured to the satisfaction of the trustee.
HOPE H. BARROLL, j14-ts. TRUSTEE

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
Lot in Quaker Neck!
BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, in the case of George J. Houston versus heirs of Henry Derry, the undersigned, duly appointed trustee, will offer at Public Sale,
On TUESDAY, February 7, 1893,
in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Maryland, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. the following
REAL ESTATE in QUAKER NECK
Kent county, Maryland,
3 ACRES OF LAND,
adjoining the lands of Jerry Denny, George Elias' heirs, et al., on south side of public roading from Chestertown to Pomona, and formerly belonging to Sidney Derry.
Terms of Sale:
One-third cash and the balance in six and twelve months from the day of sale all unpaid purchase money to bear interest, and to be secured by note or bond of purchaser with security to be approved by the trustee. HOPE H. BARROLL, j7-ts. TRUSTEE.

HENRY S. COOK,
Millington, Maryland,
—DEALER IN—
DRY GOODS!
GROCERIES,
White Goods, Notions,
Hosiery, Carpets, Clothing,
LADIES' and CHILDREN'S
COATS AND WRAPS
OIL-CLOTHS,
BOOTS AND SHOES,
A Large Variety, of which I make a special[illegible]
—GREAT—
Reduction Sale
—IN—
FURNITURE!
—AT—
P. T. McFEELY'S
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CALL AND SEE THE PRETTY SUITS and SINGLE PIECES!
All Newest and Latest Styles and at Prices that Can't be Beat in the Cities!
Dec. 31, 1892.

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THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO CALL AT THE
OLD STAND
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and examine the FRESH and NEW STOCK o GOODS just bought for cash by
JAMES A. SHAW
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BOOTS AND SHOES
TO SUIT ALL CLASSES.
Gum Boots and Shoes, Body Boots, Hip and Shor Boots, and Boots for Men, Women and Children.
GROCERIES.—Flour by the Barrel or Bag, Hominy, Beans, Sugar, Coffee, Baker's Chocolate, Tea, Soap, Soapine, Soda, Rumford's Yeast Powder, Lamp Chimneys and Burners, Coal Oil, Salt and many other things. All of which can be bought as cheap as at any place on the shore. Give us a call and we will try to please you.
Also, TOBACCO and CIGARS.
JAMES A. SHAW, j12. Court Street, Chestertown

POSITIONS FOR GOOD BUSINESS MEN.—The Provident Life Association, No. 207 N. Liberty Street, Baltimore, Md., desires to engage a manager in this part of the State. An experienced, active Business man, who can present proper testimonials as to character and ability, and who is willing to do personal work, is offered a permanent and profitable position. The Association also requires the services of special, district, and local agents. Address, "AGENCY DEPARTMENT."

NOTICE:

The Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, give notice that no articles or supplies o any kind for Kent County, purchased by any County Officer, Supervisor or Agent will be recognized by the board unless such purchase or purchases have been made upon the written order of the County Commissioner of the district in which the party purchasing such supplies or goods may reside.

T. J. SHALLCROSS, Pres't.
ROBERT C. MORGAN,
GEO. W. RODENHISER,
JOHN A. GROVES,
HORACE WILLSON,
Commissioners.

Attest:—T. W. RUSSELL, Clerk. d[illegible]-tf.

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