CIRCUIT COURT.

Judges Russum and Wickes on the Bench—Judge Wickes' Last Charge to the Grand Jury.

The October term of the circuit court for Kent county, convened at the court house Monday morning at 10.30 with his honor, Judge Joseph A. Wickes, presiding. The officers of the court are: Clerk, Dr. Samuel G. Fisher; deputy clerk, Frank H. Greenwood; sheriff, James A. Casey; deputy sheriff, Rich'd S. Smyth; bailiffs, Jervis Spencer and James A. Russell; crier, J. H. Greenwood; bailiff to grand jury, George C. Adkinson. The following compose the grand jury:

Alday Clements, foreman;	Robert C. Morgan,
Stephen Boyer, Jr.,	Thomas Gale,
Henry J. Gray,	Wm. Ford,
Eugene M. Bonwill,	Wilbur W. Hubbard,
John M. Comegys,	James S. Bradley,
Bedford Roe,	Joel R. Clements,
P. A. M. Brooks,	E. W. F. Simpers,
B. J. McCauley,	James W. Lambert,
Philip G. Wilmer,	T. Waters Russell,
Thomas J. Willis,	Wm. H. Coleman,
James W. Ivens,	Columbus A. Leary,
	Henry Brown (of C),

Judge Wickes in his charge to the grand Jury said:

"*Gentlemen of the Grand Jury*:—It is your duty to investigate all violations of law that are brought to your notice, and if, after a careful consideration of the testimony of the witnesses on the part of the State, you are satisfied that the party charged is guilty, it will be your duty to present him. I regret to say that one or more cases of a grave character will require your investigation, in addition to which a number of minor offences will no doubt be brough to your notice. Since the last April court another homicide has occurred in this county. At a camp-meeting held by the colored people in the lower part of the county, there was an altercation and fight which resulted in the death of one of them. Under what circumstances he was killed I am not advised ant it will be your duty to make diligent inquiry into the matter.

"A condition of affairs exists in this town which will require your careful consideration. We have a turbulent and unruly element in our population which frequently disturbs the peace and quiet of the town, and seems determined to defy and resist its officers."

The judge then read an account of the riot which occurred in the town on Saturday night, the 18th of last September, from the KENT NEWS. He then said:

"It appears from this account that the police officers of the town arrested at ten o'clock at night a person for disorderly conduct, as was their duty. They endeavored to take him before a justice of the peace, that the charge might be heard. On the way a crowd of colored men, estimated to be not less than one hundred, followed them. Demands were made for the release of the prisoner, and threats made of personal violence to the officers if they refused to no so. Stones were thrown at the officers, one of whom was struck and seriously injured, and but for their coolness and bravery, there would have been more serious trouble. Such conduct cannot and will not be tolerated. Let such persons be taught to know that the public authorities and the orderly and quiet citizens of the town will not permit such scenes of disorder and misconduct by which the peace of the town is disturbed and the safety of our people jeopardized. The practice of large crowds congregating and standing on the streets should not be allowed. The streets are public thoroughfares, and should not be obstructed."

He stated that he had been himself compelled to leave the pavement and get in the street in order to reach his destination.

"In the investigation of this case, as in all other cases, you should exercise a calm and dispassionate judgment, and not be influenced by prejudice and passion. Bear in mind that all men are equal before the law, and the first duty of the court, as well as the jury, is to administer the law with a rigid impartiality. Neither race, prejudice nor political bias should influence you in your deliberations, but you should extend the same measure of justice to all men without regard to their condition of life."

PETIT JURY.

Isaac R. Leaverton,	Thomas G. Wroth,
Wm. T. Nicholson,	George M. Beasten,
Thomas S. Bordley,	Wm. A. Whitaker,
Purnell Jefferson,	Francis A. Wallis,
Wm. T. Hepbron,	George W. Owens,
Robert S. Emory,	T. W. Eliason,
Herman B. Massey,	Robert Comley,
Thomas Rasin, Jr.,	Anthony H. Johnson,
Wm. F. Melvin,	J. Biddle Hossinger,
Franklin R. Rouse,	Wilbur Eliason,
George R. Beck,	John C. Brice,
Henry S. Cook,	Richard H. Collins.
Hiram M. Brown,	

Dockets called and cases marked for trial.

All the forenoon of Monday was occupied in reviewing the docket and arranging cases for trial.

Appeal case of Henry Johnson, colored, for assault upon Bordley Sappington, was heard. Magistrate's decision affirmed and fine of one dollar imposed. W. W. Beck for defence; J. D. Urie, state.

Appeal case of R. L. Kirby charged with tonging oysters without license. The oyster law requires a residence of 12 months in the counties as a necessary qualification for license. Kirby resided about 6 months in Queen Anne's and then moved to Kent, living here another six months. A license was refused him in both counties, and he oystered without that legal authority. Judge Wickes acquitted him under a construction of the law that a residence in either county or in both, jointly, for 12 months was the spirit and intention of the law. Fuller report may be found in court notes.

TUESDAY.

Chief Judge Russum arrived in Chestertown Monday and took his seat on the bench with Judge Wickes this morning. The appeal docket was continued from yesterday.

State vs. John W. Walker, charged with the larceny of a pair of shoes from Simon Winer. Appeal from Justice Wright's docket. Trial before court. Mr. Winer charged Walker with coming to his store, purchasing a pair of shoes and started to leave the store without paying for them, and when Winer asked Walker for the money for the shoes Walker said he had paid for them. "I gave you a two-dollar bill and you gave me the change." Winer insisted that Walker had not paid for them and Walker insisted that he had. Winer then had Walker arrested and he was given a hearing before Justice Wright and acquitted. Winer appealed. Verdict not guilty. Urie for State, Beck for Walker.

State vs. Will Palmer, col., charged with assaulting Officer Kelley with a brick. Court trial. Full particulars of this have been given before. Verdict guilty, and sentenced to House of Correction for 18 months from this date.

A demurrer in case of John A. Duyer against Geo. W. Owens, Daniel Hill and Samuel J. Vickers, three of the Kent county commissioners. Duyer was a constable, duly appointed by the old board of county commissioners, who were democrats. Duyer was a democrat, and when the present board, consisting of the three defendants and Messrs. Hatcherson and Todd, two democrats, came into power the board removed Duyer from his office, claiming that his bond was insufficient, although he tendered a bond of the Fidelity and Deposit Company as surety. His term would not have expired for another year, and he claims the commissioners had no right to remove him, but that he was treated as he was because he was a democrat.

The State's attorney instructed the justices of the peace to issue no process to him, and he lost his office and its emoluments He then, through his counsel, Hope H. Barroll and Richard D. Hynson, sued the three republican members of the board for $5,000 damages. A demurrer was filed by the defendants' counsel, Chas. T. Westcott, claiming that the commissioners, acting in the exercise of a judicial power, were not liable in damages for their act in removing the constable.

The court, however, held that under the decisions in Maryland, Virginia and other states such was not the law, but if any register of voters or any election judge acted in an oppressive manner, or if the board of county commissioners attempted to exercise a power it did not have in an improper or oppressive manner, they are liable for damages, and overruled the demurrer. The case has been removed to Cecil county, where it will be tried in December next.

B. & D. B. Railroad vs. Samuel B. Richardson. It seems that Mr. Richardson sold to the B. & D. B. Railroad a right of way through his land of sixty-six feet, which the railroad now charges is being occopied by Mr. Richardson. The Railroad Company, through their attorney, W. M. Slay, Esq., sued Mr. Richardson in ejectment. The plaintiff took a judgment of non pros. James A. Pearce represented Mr. Richardson.

The grand jury brought in indictment and true bill against Peter Carter, colored, for assault and intent to kill Robert Johnson.

WEDNESDAY.

Case of Massey vs. County Commissioners called, jury trial. Miss Minnie Massey, through her counsel, Hope H. Barroll, sued the county commissioners for taxes paid in error. Senator Westcott represented the commissioners. This case occupied the court all day.

The grand jury brought in presentment against George Boyer and Herbert Brookins, for the killing by shooting of Jacob Hazard, at Sandy Bottom camp. Indictments were brought in against William Pearce alias William Hitchens charged with a grossly indecent assault upon Ella Bolter, and against William Anderson charged with stealing a horse from Thomas.

THURSDAY.

The grand jury brought in indictments against Brookins and Boyer and presentment against John Woodland for disorder and resisting officer.

FRIDAY.

The Massey case was again before the court and after argument by the counsel, was given to the jury, who after an absence of about one hour brought in a verdict for plaintiff, Miss Mary E. Massey, for $201.75. The case lasted nearly three days.

Chas. Guss for assault on Walter Redding and cutting him with a knife. Appeal from Justice Watts. Before the court. Guss admitted the cutting but said it was an accident. Guilty--fined $1 and imprisoned in the county jail for two months.

Peter Carter for assault with intent to kill Robt. Johnson, both colored. Before the court. Urie for State; Beck for defence. On trial.

The grand jury brought in presentments against Henry Johnson, colored, for stealing horse and buggy; and also against John Woodland, John Bailey, Israel Clark, Will Palmer, Walter Dent and John Wesley Anderson, for riotous conduct in the streets of Chestertown.

Personal Topics.

Misses Krebs and Conger, two representative young ladies from the West, are guests of Miss Jennie Vickers at Lauretum Place.

Cashier Harry Rickey and wife have been spending several days in Washington, D. C., this week.

We are always pleased to show our lady patrons through the NEWS rooms. On Saturday Miss Bernice Boyd and Miss Mollie Noland were welcomed visitors. Miss Boyd is superintendent and head nurse at the Howard Hospital, Philadelphia, and is a guest at Mr. Peter Brinsfield's, near Crumpton. Miss Noland is one of Kent's best teachers.

Messrs. J. J. Rust, of Chicago, M. R. Williams, of Anderson, Ind., and W. R. Brown, of Philadelphia, officers of the American Strawboard Co., were in town last week and inspected the mill here. They expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the condition of the mill and local management.

Mr. J. W. Fletcher, a typical Confederate calvaryman, of Leesburg, Va., has been on a visit this week to Mr. J. B. Crowding, at Lynch's, and other friends in Kent. Mr. F. entered the Southern calvary service at the early age of 15 years and had a hard but thrilling experience according to his pictures of some of the incidents of the awful conflict.

Mr. H. Stockton Startt has accepted a position in Oehm's Acme Hall, Baltimore, and will leave for that place next Monday. Mr. S. has been clerking for Mr. Wm. R. Aldridge for a number of years and has won a host of friends who regret to have him leave town. Oehm's Acme Hall has made a wise choice.

Mr. A. Clifton Leaverton, son of I. R. Leaverton, Esq., of this county, has been engaged to teach drawing and manual training at the High School, Easton. He is a young man of high character and was graduated from Cornel University with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. This is his first school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vansant and little son, Galen, of near Chestertown, have been visiting relatives and friends in Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Lane, of Kennedyville, are visiting Mrs. Lane's sister, Mrs. A. E. Kennard, Phila.

Mrs. Wm. Scoon has returned from Baltimore feeling much improved after undergoing an operation at her mother's home performed by their family physician, Dr. Geo. R. Graham.

Miss Annie Talbot, of Atlantic City, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Numbers, in Millington.

Miss Grace Greenwood is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Meginnis, Millington.

Dr. F. R. Malone, Clerk of the Court Fields, Winder Goldsborough and W. W. Gary, of Caroline, were in town on Wednesday. They report Caroline Democrats in fine shape and confident of success.

Cashier W. B. Copper and wife have been rusticating for a week among the hills of Western Maryland.

Miss Alice M. Wilmer is visiting Mrs. Jos. Turner at East Orange, N. J.

"Grandmother" Atkinson, wife of Bailiff George C. Atkinson, celebrated her 80th birthday last Friday in good health.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard and Miss Julia Ross are "taking in" the sights of New York this week with headquarters at the Waldorf.

Mr. Jas. J. Goodman, of Cliff City, was able to be out Monday. His son, Frankie, is now ill with fever.

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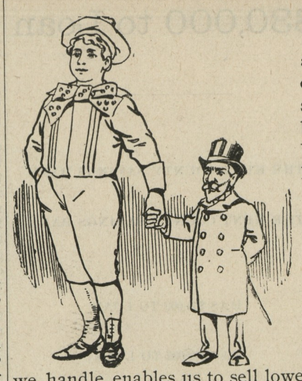

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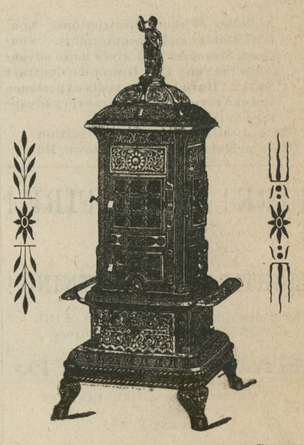

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