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DOWN IN 'OLE VIRGINY!

Kent Countians Have a Successful Hunting Trip—Justice Thos. D. France Kills a Deer—Hospitable People and Pretty Women.

Justice T. D. France, Dr. T. H. Gilpin, Curtis E. Crane and Thos. P. Lassell, a quartette of jolly good fellows, went down in Virginia hunting a few weeks ago returning last Friday evening with a beautiful deer and about 75 partridges. These gentlemen went first to Petersburg where they viewed with interest the fortifications and heard with much sympathy of the terrible havoc and suffering entailed during the late war, saw the mounds and trenches in which scores of soldiers were buried and even picked up bullets in the open fields. They spent several days in the neighborhood of Petersburg hunting for birds, but each day returned without any game. One evening while resting at the Imperial Hotel they made the acquaintance of B. E. Cobb, Esq., a typical wealthy Southern gentleman, who owned several thousand acres of timber, ranches, etc. Mr. Cobb gave the Kent quartette a pressing invitation to visit his Lodge or "Rescue" house near Ford's, assuring them of plenty of game, and our citizens accepted.

The gentlemen arrived at Ford's Station at midnight but there was the team to meet them and they were driven to the Lodge where they remained over night. "The following morning we were driven to Mr. Cousins about five miles from our Lodge, and under the guidance of T. G. Cairns, Esq., started on a deer hunt. Our bird dogs were fastened up in the barn and five hounds loosed for the chase. Two of us were stationed in one part of the small pine woods and others about 1½ miles distant. The dogs were carried off by their owner about 9.30 A. M. and within a few minutes the music of the hounds were heard hot on the trail." Dr. Gilpin was first to see the buck, and then he spied the doe, but they were both too far away for a "shoot." Mr. France saw the deer afar off coming towards him and his pulse began to beat faster and faster. The doe came within forty yards of him, and, with steady eye he put a load of No. 3 buckshot under the front foreleg of the beauty who ran several hundred hards and fell dead. There were three dogs on her trail when she was shot while the other two dogs were running the buck. The killing of the deer was enough for one day and at 11.30 a. m. the party started to return to the Lodge.

THE WONDERFUL BARBECUE.

"We returned to our 'Rescue' house shortly before two o'clock and were surprised to find preparations being made for an elaborate barbecue. A veritable old Virginia darkey dug a pit four feet square and four feet deep, then after burning a quarter cord of wood to get hot coals, poles were laid across the pit and the shoat prepared. His head and feet were cut off, split down the center and ribs broken so as to lay out flat. For about eight hours the old darkey stood over the pit, continually basting and pouring a preparation over the shoat so that when it was ready to serve our party were charmed with its delicious flavor. Johnny cake with tea, coffee, milk, meats of various kinds,&c., were served to the satisfaction of all. About 75 birds were killed."

Our friends also visited the beautiful city of Richmond, and, while intensely interested in the relics at the Confederate museum, the monuments, etc., they are loud in praising the exquisite loveliness of the Southern women, the hospitable and cultured people. It requires contact with these Virginia residents to appreciate their genuine worth and these Kent gentlemen are very entertaining in recounting their adventures. We cannot refrain from stating that these gentlemen were even accorded the privilege of stopping a regular train anywhere on the route so as to take them aboard and they availed themselves of the opportunity. Maryland was the word that unlocked the door to every privilege.

New Three Cent Piece — A new three cent piece has been authorized by act of Congress to take the place of the old coin which was so much like a dime that its coinage was stopped. The new three cent piece is orderd to be made of nickel, and size of the old bronze cent, only thicker. In the center is to be a hole one forth of an inch in diameter.

FLORIN M. CREW MURDERED.

Near College Park by Button Johnson a Negro—Johnson Kills Himself—Funeral Held at Betterton.

A special dispatch from College Park, Md., on Sunday says:—Yesterday morning between 6 and 7 o'clock, on the farm of Mrs. L. T. Cartwright, near this town, Button Johnson, colored, shot Florin M. Crew, a white man, twice with a shot-gun killing him instantly. The negro took a .32 bulldog revolver, and went into the yard and blew his own brains out.

Crew for the last five months has been managing Mrs. Cartwright's farm. When he met his death this morning he was standing in her kitchen near the stove. Johnson stood outside on a water bucket and placed the gun against the window and fired through the glass. Most of the shot of this first load struck Crew in the forehead, making an ugly wound and felling him to the ground. Mrs. Cartwright hearing the report of the gun, ran into the room and there saw Crew on the floor and Johnson at the window. Johnson then went around the house, entered the front door and walked through to the kitchen, where he was met by Mrs. Cartwright, who ordered him to put the gun down. He paid no attention to her, however, but raised the gun again to his shoulder and shot Crew the second time at close range, Mrs. Cartwright barely escaping injury. The shot from this load took effect principally between the right shoulder and the ear and proved fatal almost immediately. Johnson then walked into the room where Crew was and picked up a pistol from the mantel. He turned upon Mrs. Cartwright, who was screaming at the top of her voice, and grabbed her violently by the throat, threatening to choke her. She pleaded with him not to harm her and finally succeeded in wresting herself unharmed from his clutches.

Then Johnson said to Mrs. Cartwright: "Well, Miss Sarah, I know you will have me hanged for doing this, and I guess I had better kill myself. Now hadn't I?" It is reported that she, being terribly frightened, said: 'I don't know.'

The negro walked out of the house and Mrs. Cartwright bolted the door behind him and went up stairs When the negro had gotten about ten yards from the house he shot himself through the head and evidently died a few minutes afterward. Mrs. Cartwright says that she did not hear the last fatal shot. Being by herself in the house she soon realized that she must have assistance and went to the house of her nearest neighbor. In a short time Mr. G. H. Thomas and Mr. W. O. Miles, from the Maryland Agricultural College, arrived at the house.

They found Mrs. Cartwright alone and still believing the murderer to be alive. They soon found Johnson's body.

Dr. W. O. Eversfield was among the first to arrive and he pronounced both men to be dead. Crew was lying in a pool of blood and presented a horrible sight. A coroner's jury was summoned, which rendered a verdict of "Death from gunshot wounds inflicted by the hands of Button Johnson" in one case and "Suicide by pistol shot" in the other.

Crew's body is still at Mrs. Cartwright's house and will be kept there until his relatives from the Eastern Shore come for it. Although no quarrel or ill feeling is known to have existed between the two men, it seems to be the general opinion that the affair was premeditated.

Yesterday Johnson took the gun, which was owned by the Cartwrights, from the house and hid it, pretending at the time that he had done so to prevent one of the men on the place from going gunning. Young Cartwright had gone to Hyattsville with the milk wagon, Miss Cartwright was staying in town, and no one was on the place but Mrs. Cartwright and Mr. Crew. Johnson had been in the habit of milking the cows about 2.30 o'clock A. M. and helping to do other work around the house, but this morning he did not appear at the regular time. He was sent to the penitentiary about a year ago for assaulting another negro and has not long been free.

Crew was about 33 years old and was born and reared at Betterton, Kent county, Md. He came to this neighborhood about 10 years ago and worked at the Maryland Agricultural College as an assistant in gardening up to a few years ago. He was unmarried and well thought of.

The body was brought over on the Emma A Ford on Monday in charge of Undertaker W. H. Krusen, of Still Pond, and the funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at Still Pond.

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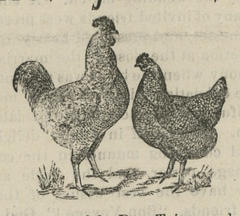

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