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FEED the birds.

ANOTHER fire in Kent! Isn't it about time Chestertown's commissioners were getting those new hose reels and placing them in different parts of the town? Do it now!

THE taking of testimony in the Jackson-Smith contest will be commenced in Kent county, February 17th before Judge J. H. Simpers. Messrs. Urie and Townsend will represent Jackson. There are about ten witnesses summoned.

THE Millington and Galena banks have been burned out within six months. They are two prosperous institutions and no one will lose a cent by the disaster.

THE Senatorial deadlock in Delaware is on. Addicks has 22 votes; Dupont 9; Saulsbury 21. Addicks says "I am in the fight to stay, and I will continue to be a candidate for Senator until I die, unless I am sooner elected."

IT would be a sensible and wise act if the Cemetery companies in Kent would place a public vault in the burying grounds. During freezing weather, heavy storms, or in case of other inconveniences bodies might be put in vaults to await a suitable time for burial.

THE Baltimore American moved into its elegant new home on Baltimore street Tuesday just one year from the date of the fire. This up-to-date newspaper has a million dollar plant and is to be congratulated upon its enterprise and ardent spirit.

THE farmers in different parts of Kent are showing the right spirit in getting rid of the road blockade and we would call the special attention of all who want the roads open to their example. Messrs. Sam'l G. Lee, M. M. Rasin, N. Lieberman, Aleck Bacon, W. G. Tarbutton and others contributed $25 to have the road leading to Melitota dug out. The colored men in the vicinity did the work, but stopped when the funds gave out! The same thing has been done elsewhere in the county.

THE U. S. Senate has passed the Joint State-hood bill for the admission of the State of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and New Mexico, according to the present boundaries, with Arizona eliminated.

New Mexico has an area of 122,580 square miles. It is as large as Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. It has a population of 195,350.

Oklahoma has an area of 39,030 and Indian Territory 31,400, making a State of 70,430 square miles. It is as large as New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts combined. Oklahoma has a population of 318,331 and Indian Territory of 392,160. This gives a total of 790,391.

A FULL REPORT of the confession of John M. Simpers is found in this issue. Here is another lesson to the boy readers of the NEWS. This boy was raised by a good christian mother but he preferred to choose his own path. He is about 23 years of age, stopped school early and went to Philadelphia to find work. But he had a bent for evil associates and his downfall came rapidly. He had, as a report from Baltimore states, a greed for money that was not earned and he naturally became a criminal of daring character. The story of his short life is saddening and he has certainly run his course quickly. He appears to have been a thorough degenerate and his punishment for the ghastly and brutal crime at Elkton will relieve society of a dangerous man.

What is especially gratifying in securing the confession of Simpers is that the finger of suspicion is no longer to point at two poor negroes at Elkton, who were suspected of committing the crime. One of them was tried and acquitted and the case against the other one was dismissed.

THERE is an oyster famine in Baltimore. Chestertown has been supplied with good stock by Messrs. Titter and O'Meara at $1 per gallon.

DR. ROBINSON, of Still Pond, killed a big hog last week and Mr. Stanley W. Matthews won it on a guess of 591, within four pounds of its weight.

NAVIGATON is blocked completely, not even the bay boats nor the Queen Caroline being able to make trips.

## NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS driving across the Chester River Bridge at Chestertown are warned to observe the rules in regard to going out of a trot. The rules will be strictly enforced. By order of board

14-tf. CHARLES L. DODD, Clerk.

## SOCIAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hubbard celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage Monday night at their home, 2106 Mt. Royal terrace, Baltimore. The house was elaborately decorated with red shaded lights and palms, American Beauty and Bride roses, the color scheme being red and green.

Refreshments were served at small tables. Many handsome presents were received. They have two children—Miss Louise I. Broumel Hubbard and Master Howard Broumel Hubbard. Mrs. Hubbard was before her marriage Miss Louise Broumal. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, of Chestertown, were present; also Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Downes, Mrs. Thos. Hulme, Miss Zaidee Hulme, Prof. Rowland Watts and others.

Col. and Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort gave a jolly strawride in Mr. J. T. Anthony's large sled to a number of their friends in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Mackie, of Arlington, N. J., last Friday evening. Only married folks were among the guests.

Miss Dovie Connelly was given a party last Saturday evening at the home of her aunt, Miss Eva Connelly, Chestertown, in honor of her birthday. Those present were: Misses Bessie Westcott, Eloise Ringgold, Emma France, Mary Whaland, Ethel Bacchus, Edith Harley, Mary Hines, Susie Dunbracco, Grace Brooks, Eva Beauchamp, Bessie Sheppard and Bessie Nichols, and Messrs. Harry Nicols, Frank Garrison, William Greenwood, Medford Brooks, Parks Rasin, Howard Hopkins, Emory Coughlin, Norman Ward, J. H. S. White, Henry Wilson, Edgar McMaster, Robt. Gill and Emmitt Bryan. The evening was spent in dancing and playing of games and various kinds of amusements. Refreshments were served.

The "Formal Tea" given by Miss Mary Hines, at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. Frank Hines, Saturday afternoon was enjoyed by many of her young friends. The receiving committee was: Misses Mary Hines, Grace Brooks and Eloise Ringgold. Among those present were: Misses Rose Vickers, Frances and Estella Anthony, Anna Wroth, Lillian Stam, Reba Strong, Mary Whaland, Susie Dunbracco, Emma France, Bessie Westcott, Dovie Connelly, Eva Beauchamp, Louisa Urie, Ethel Bacchus and Bessie Sheppard. The dining room was beautifully and tastefully decorated and trimmed, and tables laden with ices, cake, confectionery, salted almonds and chocolate was freely partaken of and enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Willson gave a delightful Masquerade party to their friends at their home, Alton, Tuesday night but owing to the condition of the roads quite a large number were unable to attend. The house was beautifully illuminated and the guests were hospitably received by the host and hostess. Dancing was the feature of the evening; music was beautifully rendered by Prof Eugene Willson. The guests unmasked in the ball room amid great cheer and laughter about one hour preceeding refreshments which were amply served at midnight, consisting of sandwiches and coffee in which all did justice. The merry party dispersed about 2 o'clock all declaring themselves well paid for the ride over the snow banks. Among those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Willson, Mrs. Julia Ringgold, Mrs. W. M. Willson, Mr. Paul Wilson, Fred Holmes, Mrs. Sullivan, Loretta Helen and Elmer Willson. The masked guests were our charming hostess as mother Hubbard, Alice Willson, waiter; Mary Ringgold, Red-riding-hood; Lee Willson, Queen of hearts; Sophie Willson, Judy; Maude DeFord, Topsy; Nannie Willson, Fairy; Blanche DeFord, Creole Belle; Bessie Willson, Cards; Mary Strong, Ghost; Hattye Strong, Gypsy; Nealie Willson, Topsy; Lelia Reese, Maryland; Stella Biddle, Queen of hearts; Maude Alridge, Japanese girl; Messrs. Will Camp, Meat Trust; Dr. Long, English gentleman; Raymond Walbert, Dude; Jack Hughs, Negro preacher; George DeFord, Hayseed; Edgar Strong, Country lord; Millard Strong, Tramp; Harry Smith, Uncle Sam; Wilmot Crossby, Clown; Notley Willson, Tramp; John Summer, Sport; Mack, butcher; Richard, Turk; Allan Rag man; Ernest, Dusky dude; George, Black clown; Bernard, Little country girl.

A "Pie Social" was held at the home of Mrs. Leonard Price near Still Pond, on Thursday evening. Some pies brought as high as 80c. About $20 was realized.

Miss Mary Fleming beautifully entertained a large company from 5 to 7 Wednesday evening at her elegant home on Water street.

Mrs. A. A. Harris held a reception to friends on Thursday afternoon and made a model hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Romie Byron entertained a number of friends at a turkey supper Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Jennie Byron and Mrs. Watson.

## DEATH'S RECORD.

Robert Bogle died at his home on Eastern Neck Island early Saturday morning aged 58. The funeral was held on Tuesday interment at St. Paul's, Rev. C. T. Denroche officiating; undertaker J. N. Dodd. The bearers were Harry and Newton Bogle, Richard and Notley Willson, John C. Wood and Robert Wickes. The deceased leaves a widow who before marriage was Miss Mollie Wickes.

Diphtheria claimed its victim in the home of Mrs. John W. Fowler in Worton last Sunday. Mabel C., the three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Truitt, was the first taken with the disease and died on Saturday. We are glad to state that the other children are improving under Dr. Hessey's attention.

The home of Mr. Nathaniel Ashley, of Piney Neck, was made sorrowful by the death of their youngest child, Mary, aged five years and eleven months. After an illness of a little more than a week she left us for her home above, Friday night, February 3. She attended the public school and was loved by her teacher and pupils. Though young, her little life was a helpful one. Many truths she taught the older ones by her little recitation given on special occasions in the Sunday school. She was one of the faithful attendants of the revival services recently held at the Methodist church. She surprised all who knew her by the manifestation of the spirit's power in the heart. During her illness she would frequently remind those around her of the messages delivered by the pastor, Rev. G. Conaway, during these meetings. Thus convincing all that she had given her young heart to her Saviour and was one of God's young soldiers. "Suffer the little ones to come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." The funeral services were held at the church, Rev. G. S. Conaway officiating. The children paid their last respects by marching in a body to the church. All of us may be influenced by this little life by leading such lives that will cast sunshine all around our paths.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

### Interesting Talks To Farmers Of Kent And Queen Anne's On Practical Subjects—Blocked Roads Prevent A Large Attendance.

The Farmers' Institute for Kent county was held in the Court House at Chestertown on Wednesday and Thursday, Prof. Wm. L. Amos, director.

At the Wednesday meeting the question of whether peaches pay was ably discussed from their experience by Messrs. B F. Rash, Purnell Jump. E. W. Hepbron, Lewin Skirven, R. Irving Walker and others. Upon the care of the orchard it was stated that low-headed trees, well fed, thoroughly cultivated, properly pruned, intelligently and thoroughly sprayed, are the essentials to a productive orchard of any fruit. They should be low-headed that the trunk may be protected. The fruit suffers less damage from wind, is more cheaply gathered and it is reached by the spray. If the trees are not making much growth stable manure and like nitrogenous fertilizers may be used abundantly. If growing rapidly use minerals alone if there seems need of more plant food. The less pruning there is the better, so long as the tree is kept open and free from dead, broken or diseased branches.

Then the subject drifted into the raising of lambs, Dr. H. P. Miller, of Sunbury, Ohio, said:

"The wide range of herbage eaten by sheep makes cost of feeding them during the summer season slight. In winter the lambs should be kept under cover in a comfortable stable, with no artificial heat, but plenty af light, by having glass in the south side. The lambs should be ready for the market between Christmas and Easter. The ewes are fed the same as the milk cow, silage being the principle food. Lambs should be fed on wheat and linseed meal for variety. Soy beans are used in place of any above-mentioned foods. You need never troubel yourself about lambs eating too much; rather induce them to eat by feeding four or five times a day.

Dr. Miller works 395 acres, has 200 breeding ewes, 6 sows and 12 cows,

Prof. T. B. Symons, state Entomologist addressed the farmers on "Insect Enemies and Experiments with San Jose Scale.

Dr. H. B. Mc Downell, state Chemist, spoke on the values of fertilizers in an interesting manner.

Dr. Miller answered a question as to why cattle go round the barn yard licking earth under the fences. He said it was caused by disordered indigestion. He said salt and ashes would correct the disorder.

Dr. Miller spoke on "Common Ailments of Farm stock." His talk was very interesting, speaking chiefly on the diseases of horses. Sore shoulders, he said, usually came from the pressure of the collar when farm work begun in the spring. This could be prevented by stopping the horse every half hour, raising the collar and rubbing the shoulders with the hand. The pressure of the collar stopped circulation, just as a tight shoe does upon a person. Should the shoulders get sore hot clothes applied would help nature, and in bad cases he recommended the application of a clean knife to let out the pus. In the case of bruises cold cloths should be applied. Lameness in the forequarters of horses, he said, nearly always came from the hoof, and not from the shoulder. And this frequently resulted from faulty shoeing. Blacksmiths, he remarked, rarely studied the anatomy of the hoof, and cut away the frog and rasped off the outer layer of the hoof. In consequence the foot contracted, and the hoof crumbled. The outer layer of the hoof protected it, just as paint was used to preserve a house—rasp it off and the hoof breaks. Shoeing at best, he said, was a necessary evil, and farm horses should be allowed to go unshod whenever possible. The flow of saliva and the hanging out of the tongue resulted from irritation from sharp points of worn teeth. They should be filed down. Dr. Miller spoke of colic and other ailments of horses and gave a treatment in each case.

Spasmodic colic, the most common form, results from radical change of feed, excessive drinking of cold water, rapid chilling of the body, rapid or heavy work soon after feeding, said Dr. Miller. Heat is the best relief. Hot packs when they can be applied, otherwise or in conjunction any household remedy used in human family for same disorder given in ten times the dose for adult. Ounce doses of laudanum are valuable. The third form is that of impact resulting from change to dry, indigestible feed, as over-ripe clover hay or wheat straw. Give linseed oil until bowels move.

Azoturea, commonly called "stiffs," is the result of high feeding without exercise. At first evidence of attack stop the horse, the speaker said, blanket warmly, and apply hot packs over quarters affected. Usually it is a paralysis of the muscles of the loin and hip. Rub vigorously with a mild blistering liniment, also rub limbs with same. A laxative will assist. Feed little or nothing for several hours.

So-called "wolf-in-the-tail" and "hollow horn" are conditions resulting from poor nourishment. The remedy is good feeding. A cheap and efficient remedy for lice upon animals is common gasoline. All kinds of young animals suffer seriously from internal parasites. Proprietary stock foods are not reliable remedies. Tarta emetic, copperas and turpentine are simple and effective remedies."

Prof. Amoss is to be congratulated upon the success attending the Institute and of the practical benefits being derived therefrom by those farmers who make the business a study. He was accompanied by his wife on this visit. Among the agriculturalists present were Messrs. Samuel Vannort, E. W. Hepbron, P. A. M. Brooks, P. A. Wilmer, W. T. and Elwood Morris, Purnell Jump, W. G. Smyth, Frank Jarrell, Harry Nichols, W. E. Jarrell, Jos. R. Usilton, I. R. Leaverton, Robert Moffett, Wm. Vansant, Thos. Faulkner, Josiah Massey, Hope Copper, Medford Brooks, C. C. Brown, C. G Hadaway, L. U. Skirven, J. W. Anthony, H. P. Skipper, R. G. Nicholsen, Jesse H. Copper, Johnny Hadaway, Thos. Massey, M. A. Toulson, Geo. W. Smyth, J. T. Dixon, A. C. Loud, H. H. Klinefelter, Rumsey Anthony, W. M. Slay, W. T. Nicholson, John Bell, Chas. Willis, W. H. Wallis, C. H. Hurlock, E. P. Beck, J. W. Russell, Edw. Robinson, Wm. R. Clough and others.

Miss Gertie Copper entertained a number of her friends at a "Pit" party Monday evening. Refreshments were served in abundance.

# ADMITS MURDER!

### Convict Simpers Confesses He Killed Albert Constable, Esq.—Did Not Mean to Kill—Says Object Was Robbery.

A full confession of the murder of Mr. Albert Constable, a well-known Elkton lawyer, last August, was made Monday night by John M. Simpers, the convict in the Maryland Penitentiary, who has been suspected of the crime by the local police for several weeks The confession was made voluntarily first to Warden Wevler and later to the Warden, Marshal Farnan, Deputy Marshal Manning, Mr. Albert Constable, Jr., the son of the murdered man, and State's Attorney Squier, of Cecil county.

The confession was sworn to by Simpers before Justice of the Peace George M. Johnson, and is in full as follows:

The following confession was made under no threats, neither was any promise made to me whatever as to immunity from punishment or lightening of sentence.



JOHN M. SIMPERS—Side View.

I was in Elkton after a horse when the murder of Mr. Constable took place. Mr. Constable was very close to me coming back over the hill when the thought came into my mind to hold him up and rob him. I was in need of money having lost all I had by gambling. I did not intend to shoot Mr. Constable or kill him. The first time I shot I fired close to him to scare him, not intending to kill him.

He asked me if I wanted money and I said "Yes." He told me he only had a quarter, and threw it to me. I told him to throw his watch along with it, and he did. Then he commenced to groan and I asked him were he was shot, and he said he thought he was shot in the head. He asked me to tell the colored people up the road that he was wounded and I stopped and holloed to some one in a yard that their was a sick man down the road and he wanted them to come down.

Then I went up the road, crossed Ford's cornfields and went across our own place, where Richard Owens lives, then over to Iron Hill and took the 8.28 train to Wilmington. I went from Wilmington to Philadelphia in the trolley. I pawned the watch at Rider's pawnshop under the name of Clark. I lost the chain. I do not remember what became of the pawn ticket.

Detectives Joseph Dougherty and Charles Weaver, who worked up the case against Simpers, had rejected the idea that he would ever confess, and were devoting themselves energetically to obtaining evidence against him. To the intelligence, perseverance and first-class detective ability of the two officers is due the fact that the murder of the distingnished Cecil county lawyer is no longer a mystery.

Simpers has several times been "sweated" by detectives Doughterty and Weaver, but the efforts of the officers to make the prisoner confess was fruitless. To all questions pertaining to the murder of Mr. Constable Simpers answered, "Don't talk to me about that. You've got the wrong man. I don't want to talk to you."

One of the keepers was directed to bring Simpers into the Warden's private office, and the prisoner was led in. For a few moments he stood with bowed head, nervously tapping his foot on the floor. Then he looked straight at the white haired Warden and said: "Mr. Warden I want to tell you what I know about Mr. Constable. I shot him."

Many years experience with all kinds of criminals has taught the Warden not to be surprised at anything he hears or sees, and he said quietly:

"Simpers do you realize what you are saying? This is a very serious matter, you know."

**Wanted To Be Done With It.**

"Yes, I know it," answered Simpers, "but I wanted to tell about it and get done with it. I'm tired of having people brought here to identify me and those Detectives running in here to talk to me. I'll tell every thing and then I want to be let alone. I haven't been able to sleep at nights thinking about this thing."

Simpers asked permission to communicate with his mother at Elkton. This was granted, and the convict wrote to his mother and asked her to employ a good lawyer to defend him.

The probabilites are that Simpers will be taken to Elkton under a strong guard of deputies of the penitentiary and the be arraigned before the grand jury and indicted. He will then be returned to the penitentiary or to Elkton Jail, where he will remain until his trial. In the event of his conviction and sentence to be hanged, it is said that it will be necessary for Governor Warfield to pardon him from the penitentiary before the sentence can be carried out.

**How He Became Suspected.**

The story of how Simpers became suspected of the murder of Mr. Constable and how the detectives worked up the case against him is an interesting one. While Hollands and Hoopes the two negroes, who were tried and acquitted of Mr. Constable's murder, were in jail awaiting trial, a deputy sheriff of Cecil county, who had taken a prisoner to the penitentiary, asked to be permitted to see Simpers. The permission was granted, and the deputy sheriff tried to obtain from Simpers some evidence that might be used against the negro. Simpers protested that he knew nothing of the murder, and the deputy sheriff apparently, was satisfied.

The interview between the officer and the convict was heard by Deputy Warden Riggin; and several days later this man told Detective Weaver that he believed Simpers knew more about the murder of Mr. Constable than he cared to tell. This was the first intimation that the local police had that Simpers was the guilty man.

Having investigated Simpers' record, Detective Weaver and Dougherty asked permission of Marshall Farnan to go to work on the case. The permission was granted, and the officers set to work. The first thing they did was to get Simpers to tell of his movements during the past year. Simpers said he was sick at his boarding house in Philadelphia at the time of the murder.

The detectives made inquiry in Philadelphia and learned that Simpers was not sick in the boarding house at that time. They also learned that he was absent from his work from August 16 to 19. As Mr. Constable was murdered August 18, this information was regarded as highly important.

**Found the Watch.**

Learning from the negro Holland, who occupied a cell near Simpers in the Elkton jail before the former was sent to the penitentiary, that Simpers had given a pocketbook to his brother, Mr. Lewis Simpers, the detectives believed that they were on the track of watch. From Mr. Lewis Simpers they obtained the purse and also the valuable information that there had been several pawn tickets—one of them for a watch—in the pocketbook. These pawn tickets Mr. Lewis Simpers said, he had sent to his sister in Philadelphia.

The detectives then went to the Quaker city, and a week ago Detectives Dougherty and Hogan recovered Mr. Constable's watch from a pawn shop on Market street.

In addition to this the detectives secured several witnesses who identified Simpers as the man they saw near the scene of the shooting of Mr. Constable on the afternoon of the crime.

**Reward of $1,500.**

There is a reward of $1,500 for the arrest and conviction of Mr. Constable's murderer, of which $1,000 was offered by the State and $500 by the Cecil county authorities. The question of whether or not Detectives Dougherty and Weaver will get any of the reward is now interesting the members of the Police Department. The present Board of Police Commissioners is opposed to the members of the department excepting rewards, and in numerous cases the board has refused to permit it. The money thus "held up" by the board has been turned into the police pension fund.


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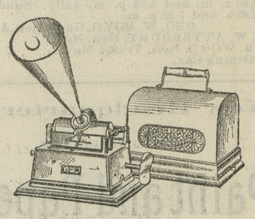
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