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 r. D. H. Carroll, of this county, is sojourning at Rockbridge Alum Springs, Va.
 is Carrie Kraft, of Baltimore, is spending her summer at "Montford Farm," 8th district.
 William A. Fisher is taking much rest at Rockbridge Alum Springs, Va.
 James C. Clarke, President of the Central Railroad, was in Towson town on

Fowler, wife of Judge Fowler, left for City on Wednesday, accompanied by son, Lawrence.

Henry B. Chew, of Gloucester, N. J., spent yesterday and Sunday last at Epsom, the resort of his mother, near Towson town.

D. Hopper Emory has moved to Towson for the summer, occupying his cottage on Pennsylvania avenue.

John M. Gallagher, of Govanstown, a young member of the bar, is spending his vacation at the Stockton Hotel, Cape

William S. Keech, Esq., and wife will leave for their annual trip to Nantucket, Mr. Keech's favorite place for rest and

among the callers at THE UNION office on were Hon. Geo. Hawkins Williams, Col. Franklin, Mr. John J. Donaldson and

Charles W. Orem, son of W. Morris

Elizabeth Whitaker, of Carrollton

John S. Miller, rector of St. Andrew's

Margaret Ridgely and Master John

congregation of St. Paul's M. E. church,

E. W. Black, presiding elder of the East

John Q. A. Herring, Baltimore manager

Bosley, wife of Dr. G. M. Bosley, and

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THE LYNCHING OF HOWARD COOPER.

He is Taken from the Jail at the Dead Hour of Night and Suspended to a Tree—An Orderly Crowd of Avengers.

The Cooper case has been summarily disposed of without the intervention of the Supreme Court of the United States. Our readers are all familiar with the facts connected with this terrible affair—how the young colored man, Howard Cooper, brutally assaulted a daughter of Mr. D. C. Gray, of the 3d district, who narrowly escaped with her life; of the subsequent arrest, trial and conviction of the assailant, and the still later efforts of the counsel for Cooper, who, not content with having appealed his case to the highest tribunal in the State, where the decision was against their client, proposed to still further delay the execution of the doomed man by carrying it up to the Supreme Court of the United States, not because they believed the man innocent, but simply because they (the counsel) claimed that the Grand Jury which indicted Cooper was illegally constituted, in that there were no colored men upon it.

WHY COOPER WAS LYNCHED.

The friends and neighbors of Mr. Gray and his family, who at the time of the perpetration of the crime scoured the country in search of the villain, with the full intention of stringing him up to the nearest tree, had he been found, were content, after his arrest, to let the law take its course, and when Cooper was sentenced to be hanged on the 31st of the present month, all felt satisfied that the law would be carried out and that the culprit would be made to suffer the extreme penalty for his crime. But when these same neighbors and friends saw by the papers that efforts were being made by colored societies and individuals in Baltimore to raise funds to pay the expense of carrying the case to the Supreme Court, they saw that it might perhaps be many months, should the movement be successful, before Cooper's case would be disposed of, and that if it were sent back to Baltimore county it would involve another trial that would again compel Miss Gray and her family to pass a second time through the terrible ordeal which they were compelled to undergo when the case was first tried in the City Criminal Court. In order to avert this they determined to take the law in their own hands and thus save the innocent victim of Cooper any further mortification and shame in being obliged to again appear in a court and detail her terrible wrongs before gaping crowds of spectators.

ORGANIZATION FOR THE WORK.

With this determination fully fixed in their minds a company was organized in the 3d district to come to Towson town, take Cooper from the jail and hang him to the nearest tree, and how successfully they carried out their plans we will detail as briefly as possible.

It was nearly 12 o'clock on Sunday night last when a body of men, numbering between forty and fifty, marched quietly into town by way of the avenue leading to Charles street avenue, having left their horses and vehicles concealed a short distance from town. The body halted in the rear of the Court House, while the leader went to the jail and called Sheriff Knight. The Sheriff made his appearance at a window and was told the object of the visit. He said that he would not deliver Cooper to the lynchers and that being sworn to protect his prisoner, he proposed doing so to the best of his ability. The leader then went back and informed his men of the Sheriff's determination. The plans were then altered and they decided to batter down the jail doors in order to get at their man. They accordingly secured the butt of a large flag pole and carrying it upon their shoulders to the rear of the jail and using it as a battering ram, were not long in bursting in the door and gaining admission to the lower tier of cells.

HE TRIED TO OUTWIT THE LYNCHERS.

Once inside the Sheriff and night watchman Nelson met them at the stairway leading to the second tier and made a very determined but fruitless resistance. Some blows were struck and one man was thrown or fell over the railing, but the Sheriff and his only assistant were soon overpowered and held in the vise-like grip of several stalwart men. Then the search for Cooper commenced. Finally his cell was found and a crow-bar was secured with which the lock was soon wrenched off. When the leader entered the cell it appeared to be empty, but upon searching about Cooper was found lying flat upon the iron bedstead, with the mattress on top of him. He was hauled from his hiding place, when he denied that he was Cooper, but the men knew him and told him so. He then asked what they were going to do with him, and was told that he would pretty soon see. He was hustled out of the jail and a thin rope

Property Transfers in Balto. County.—
 Deeds, Leases, Mortgages, Bills of Sale, etc., received for record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county:

DEEDS AND ASSIGNMENTS.

D. R. Wieller, &c., to Frederick Fleinherm.
 J. B. Miller & wife to Rufus Bennett.
 Dr. Caleb Winslow to Mary Nolan.
 Josephine Phillips, &c., to Dorothea Seeger.
 Clara Musgrave, &c., to John C. Parks.
 A. D. Clemens, Jr. to John T. Matthews, &c.
 Milton W. Offutt, trustee, to John W. Gormley.
 Chas. A. Leas & wife to Augusta J. Poole.
 John H. Garrettson to Wm R. Llewellyn.
 Wm. S. Keech, trustee, to Washington Townsend.
 M. H. Howard to Chas. E. Wilcox, (Trust.)
 J. R. Ross & wife to Eli Jones.
 John R. Ross, exco., to James Murphy.
 John E. Fowble & wife to Lewis M. Fowble.
 H. A. Uhlenberg & wife to John W. Kemp.
 John Gemmill & wife to Ross Bond.
 R. C. Tracey, et al., to Josephine Knitsky.
 J. E. Tyson & wife to Edward Young.
 Joseph Matthews to G. G. Hooper.
 G. W. Cole to Martha E. Gill.
 G. G. Hooper, &c., to Catharine Campbell.
 Thos. R. Steuart to Mary R. Green.
 Fred. Beck & wife to John Walter.
 A. E. Barnett, &c., to Thos. Hill.
 R. R. Boardman, assignee, to Mary Nolan.
 August Weber, et al., and Albert Weber.
 Mary E. Brooks, &c., to Wm. L. Tomlinson.

LEASES.

George G. Hooper to Geo. W. Taylor.

SURRENDER.

John H. Garrettson to Harry W. Crowl.

ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGES.

Samuel Black to Lewis H. Bennett.

MORTGAGES.

Fred. Fleinherm to D. R. Miller, &c., \$450.
 Mary Nolan to Dr. Caleb Winslow, \$1,500.
 M. A. Lytle, &c., to Seligman Herberg \$1,100.
 David Hoshall & wife to F. T. Talbott, \$300.
 Wm. Llewellyn to G. R. Clark & Co., \$300.
 Wm. R. Llewellyn to Md. Brick, Co., \$1,200.
 Wm. R. Llewellyn to H. Webster Crowl, \$350.
 Wm. R. Llewellyn to Geo. O. Stevens, \$600.
 E. F. Rockafeller, &c., to H. W. Crowl, \$3,000.
 C. Waters, &c., to 13th German A. B. A., \$208.
 Geo. E. Brooks to Waverly B. A., \$390.
 L. J. Aull & wife to German S. Bank, \$1,000.
 E. Young & wife to Jas. E. Tyson, \$277.50.
 John McCubbin to J. S. Price, \$111.80.
 Geo. W. Taylor to G. G. Hooper, \$550.
 G. G. Hooper to R. B. Rohe, &c., \$6,000.
 Mary Nolan to Jesse F. Ely, \$400.

RELEASES.

H. E. Mann, assignee, to James J. Shanklin.
 Waverly M. & P. L. & L. A. to Mary A. Lytle.
 E. H. Poole, &c., trus., to A. J. Poole.
 H. W. Poregoy to P. Cunningham.
 Waverly M. & P. L. & L. A. to Mary A. Lytle.
 Fannie T. Talbott to Josephine Phipps, &c.
 Seligman Hersberg & wife to David Hoshall.
 Columbia B. A. to John J. Kellar.
 J. M. Pearce, exco., to Mary Melvin.
 R. M. Venable, trustee, to Geo. G. Hooper.
 Govanstown B. A. to Cumberland Dugan, trustee.

BILLS OF SALE.

John Burr to John Glink, \$300.
 M. Levi to Helen Pfeiffercorn, \$200.

The Canned Goods Outlook.—The Belair *Egis* of last week says: "It is probable that not more than one-third of the canning houses that were in operation in Harford county two years ago will be worked this year. Those which have been closed, however, are principally the smaller ones, and consequently the decrease in the amount packed will not be in proportion to the number of houses that are closed. It is too soon to figure much upon prices, but the best informed packers do not look for any material advance, particularly in corn. The prospect for a good yield of sugar corn as well as field corn is very promising and the acreage is larger than it was last year.—The tomato crop, however, will be late ripening, and the yield in Harford will be short. It is stated also that the stand was severely injured in the West by late frosts, last spring. The acreage in Harford county has also been greatly reduced. From these facts it is argued that the price of tomatoes will be higher for the coming pack than it has been for several years past. The stock of canned goods on hand is also said to be light and sales will therefore be more easily made at prevailing rates."

Spontaneous Combustion of Hay.—The *N. Y. Times* says: "The recorded instances of spontaneous combustion of hay in mows or stacks are all of questionable character. The evidence in every case has lacked a closing link which casts doubt upon the story. There have been alleged instances of the spontaneous combustion of human beings whose intemperate habits have, it has been said, led to the actual burning up of

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ed was about 28 years of age and dberry, where his body was taken. wife and four small children, the ng quite a babe. Mrs. Shauck and idren were quite ill and it was the er husband to go to see her as soon l Boundary avenue, his brother, who yed on the road, having promised to e while he visited his family.

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and Central road has been in opera- d of three years, and this is the ident that has occurred.

ven Water.—A reporter of the Bal- d visited Loch Raven a few days ago ne interesting facts connected with that immense reservoir. He says ng to the gate-house keeper at the e two circumstances which always apowder about this season. One is a heavy drainage, and the other is the sun upon the stratum most ex- ys. The water in the lake is 15 l, by the action of the three grades ferent depths, is divided into three s. Thus the water in the lake may edium and pure at the same time, g true of its temperature. When the is discolored the bottom may be ar. It is the business of the man re to look out for this and keep that sa which sends the most suitable ater to the city. Yesterday, while a shot from the waste-gate into the he water on the surface of the lake bly clear.

Webster.—A very quiet wedding, a few near relatives and intimate place at "Ingleside," the handsome Col. E. H. Webster, near Belair, at Wednesday morning. The groom Harlan, Esq., a well known young er bar, and ex-secretary and treas- arford county School Board, and the s Bessie Webster, second daughter ter. The ceremony was performed B. Craighill, of Emmanuel P. E. ere were neither bridesmaids nor The bride was the recipient of many l costly presents. Later in the day uple started north by the P. W. & B. n extended bridal tour.

ore County Teacher's Great The Kent News of last week says: arroll, of this town, who was nomi- t Point from the First Congressional ex-Congressman G. W. Covington, oth his physical and mental examina- on admitted into the military acad- arroll three years ago graduated at rmal School in Baltimore city, taking rs of his class. He taught the school eek Island a short while and since n teaching in Baltimore county.— out 75 members of the class just ad- e academy of West Point and Mr. d with an average of 100 in all the e one."

ar Gets Him in Trouble.—Mr.

was thrown over his head. He did not utter a word and made no resistance and the lynchers were unable to tell whether he was scared too bad to talk or whether he was utterly indifferent as to his fate.

THE FATAL SYCAMORE TREE.

About fifty yards east of the jail fence stands a sycamore tree. He was taken to this and the rope was thrown over a small limb not more than nine feet from the ground. The doomed man then admitted that he was Howard Cooper and called out "good-bye" as the rope commenced to tighten about his throat. He was hauled up from the ground and the rope was fastened about the butt of the tree to keep it from slipping. He struggled slightly, but was soon quiet and it was thought he was dead. The body was then lowered but the men were not satisfied that life was extinct and he was again pulled up and left hanging.—The whole affair was conducted so quietly and so expeditiously as to convince those who were looking on that the plans of the lynchers had been well matured beforehand. After the lynchers were satisfied that their work had been fully accomplished they quietly withdrew and started for their homes. They were all masked so that it was not possible to identify any of them.

EXCITEMENT IN TOWSONTOWN.

The news that Cooper had been lynched spread rapidly through the town and as the morning wore on large numbers of people went to the jail to look upon his body as it dangled from the limb. It was a ghastly and revolting sight and one not soon to be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

THE INQUEST AND VERDICT.

About 9 o'clock Justice James Miller appeared upon the scene with a jury of inquest. The body was then taken down and removed to the lower floor of the jail. Drs. Piper and Massenburg, who examined the body, testified that Cooper had died of strangulation. The Sheriff and watchman Nelson also gave their evidence before the jury, which rendered the following verdict: "The jury find that Howard Cooper, found dead hanging to a tree outside of the jail yard and near to it, came to his death by strangulation, he having been seized by force by a body of armed men, unknown to the jury, who on the early morning of this July 13th, 1885, forced the jail by breaking open the door of said jail and the lock of his cell, taking said prisoner and hanging him as found. We likewise find that Sheriff Knight and Wm. Nelson, the night watchman on duty, did all in their power to prevent it, but were overpowered by a large force."

Later in the day Cooper's body was placed in a rough pine coffin and given to his mother, who took it away for burial. She appeared to be the only person who manifested the slightest sympathy for him.

GLAD THAT HE WAS LYNCHED.

When Mr. Gray was informed the Cooper had been lynched he said: "I am glad justice has been done. Every right-minded man will say my friends acted wisely. Another trial would have been too much for Katie to bear, and God knows I could not have stood it."

HOW THE LYNCHING WAS PLANNED. &C.

One of the men who was engaged in the lynching tells the following story of how the affair was planned and carried out: "When we received information that enough money would be raised to carry Cooper's case to the United States Supreme Court we concluded that the only way to save Miss Gray from further mental suffering was to act promptly. We thought that if the money was gotten together on Sunday Cooper would probably be removed to Baltimore city jail on Monday. All of Mr. Gray's neighbors and friends had been wrought up to the highest state of indignation at the intense agony his daughter and family have undergone, and when we ascertained that the law was going to cause another delay we determined to take matters into our own hands. We arrived at that determination at midday on Sunday, and five minutes later messengers were dashing from place to place notifying the neighbors to be ready. The man we selected for our captain is one of the pluckiest, coolest fellows you ever saw. He is a farmer, about medium height, weighs perhaps 170 pounds, and is active and full of fire.

"The meeting place was on the Powder Mill road, at the end of Charles street avenue. We were all there at 11 o'clock that night. Some of the men were in buggies, some in a two-horse carriage, one in a rockaway, and about fifteen on horseback, making, I think, thirty all told. We left the meeting place at half past 11 and went within a quarter of a mile of Towson town and tied our horses. Our leader rode into town and up to the York road car station, where he inquired if Sheriff Knight had returned home. We knew the sheriff had been away during the day, and we did not desire to make the attack when he

the bodies, leaving only a charred mass. We do not hear of any such stories now, although the whisky is as inflammatory now as it ever has been, and it is now very rare to read of an alleged burning of hay by spontaneous combustion. A considerable heat can be produced in a damp hay stack no doubt, but it has never been found so high as 212°, or the heat of boiling water, and 400° is about as low as any carbonaceous matter will inflame and burn. There is little danger of hay heating to combustion, and if a mow does heat considerably the safest way is to let it alone and not open it."

Young Farmer's Clubs.—A few years ago, says an agricultural paper, it was the height of the farmer's ambition to "make a lawyer or doctor" of his boy. It was usually the ambition of the boy to become a clerk in the village store. This idea is fast giving place to the more practical and sensible one—that of encouraging the boys to remain upon the farm and to become farmers.—This influence is being widely felt throughout the country. Then again the farming mania has reached our village and city boys, many of whom are looking forward to the time when they shall become the proprietors of farms. This feeling should be encouraged by all proper means. Here is the field of operations for our Young Farmer's Clubs. Gather in all of the boys of the towns and villages into one live, wide-awake club. Then have your essays, debates, picnics and socials, and all that, and ere long you will be loved and respected everywhere.

Death of Dr. Carpenter.—Dr. Alex. W. Carpenter, who came here a few years ago as physician on the Gunpowder water works, died at his home, Madison Court House, Va., a short time ago. After the completion of the Gunpowder works the Dr. was for some time engaged in general practice here, and was also for a time connected with the reportorial staff of the Baltimore Herald. Subsequently he left for the South, where he was engaged as a railroad contractor.—His father died but a short time before him. He was unmarried and about thirty years of age.

Serious Driving Accident.—The wife of Mr. Edward B. Bruce, of Mt. Washington, met with a very serious accident on Wednesday. She was driving to the railroad station with her husband, when the carriage was accidentally upset, throwing both the occupants out. Mr. Bruce escaped with a few bruises, but his wife had both legs very badly broken. She was removed to her residence, where the fractures were reduced. Mrs. Bruce is a daughter of James Carey Coale, Esq.

Child Drowned.—A sad accident befel a little son of Mr. S. E. Anderson, of Hampden, Falls road, on Monday morning last. The little fellow was playing on the back porch of his father's house when he climbed upon a rain barrel, nearly filled with water, and, losing his balance, fell in and was drowned. The child was missed and upon search being made his body was found at the bottom of the barrel.

Death from Paralysis.—Mrs. Taylor, wife of Alexander Taylor, of the 10th district, was stricken with paralysis on the 8th inst. and died on the 11th. This was the second stroke, the first having occurred about two years ago and from the effects of which she had only partially recovered. She leaves a family of ten children, the youngest an infant only a few days old.

Fine Vegetables.—Our enterprising townsman, Mr. Fred. Groom, who supplies our people with milk, ice-cream, and almost everything else that's good for the inner man, is also a very successful gardener and the corn, tomatoes and potatoes which he has now ready for his customers are the finest we have seen this year.

Death of an Aged Citizen.—Mr. William Sykes, aged about 70 years, a resident of New Market, Baltimore county, was stricken with paralysis about ten days ago, and died on Friday, 10th instant. He was formerly a resident of Shrewsbury, Pa., at which place his remains were interred on Monday last.

Slight Fire.—About 11 o'clock on Wednesday night a slight fire occurred in the residence of Mr. Daniel Haubert, Glennwood avenue, Govans-town. The loss is fully covered by insurance in the Agricultural Company of Watertown, N. Y., H. L. Bowen, agent, Towson town.

Towson P. O.—List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Towson postoffice for the week ending July 11th, 1885; will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, Aug. 9th, 1885, if not called for: S. W. Bradferd, Geo. K. Bushman.

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of Washington, D. C., was on Saturday of the Grand Jury of Baltimore. Mr. F. W. Brune, information the jury acted, produced the letter of Mr. Johns to himself, of which was heretofore published, Mr. Johns intimates that Mr. Brune, ox packer, was cowardly, lying, &c. as before stated, was sent Mr. Brune time as Johns' letter, or challenge, to J. Yellott. The trouble between the out of the litigation over the John estate.

Lawn Party.—A largely attendance was held at the residence of Wm. q., on the Joppa road, on Tuesday. The grounds were handsomely illuminated with Chinese lanterns and presented a fine appearance. The parlors were being by the younger members of the while the older ones enjoyed social in the lawn and ample verandas. An and refreshments were served, and the affair was most enjoyable.

Accident.—Hiram Burch, the four-year-old son of Mr. Adam Burch, of Remington county, was seriously injured about Tuesday morning last by a runaway wagon. The boy was playing with a number of children when the accident occurred.

was not there.

"When the sheriff refused to give up his prisoner, our leader or 'captain,' as we called him, returned to us and gave instructions as to where the big flagpole could be found, and how we were to use it. After adjusting our masks, which consisted of pieces of black calico or of white handkerchiefs, we advanced. At Towson town we were joined by about half a dozen more men, all of whom except one wore masks. This man and a man from the 3d district were the only persons without masks. As soon as we discovered Cooper, he said: 'Hold on, there; I'm not Cooper.' Several men who knew him well identified him, and then Cooper said: 'Well, what are you going to do?' From that moment he didn't show the slightest sign of fear. Under the tree, when some one seemed doubtful as to the prisoner being the right man, Cooper said: 'This is Cooper and no mistake,' and as the rope tightened he cried out, 'Good-by, gentlemen.' Several wild young fellows wanted to put a bullet into his body, but the 'Captain' said 'No' and that settled it, for the 'Captain' meant business. Many of us left the scene as soon as we were satisfied that Cooper was dead. Others remained longer. The men were mostly substantial farmers, and all of them good citizens. There was not a rough character among us. Every man was actuated by the thought that in avenging Miss Gray he was protecting his own wife, sweetheart or children. We were very particular not to begin work before midnight, so as to avoid doing the lynching on Sunday."

Dunkard Services.—Elder Lemuel Hillery, of Kansas, one of the ablest ministers of the Dunkard church, will preach in Waverly Hall, Waverly, Sunday, July 19th, at 11 a. m. and 3 and 7.30 p. m. Public cordially invited.

Gen. Grant's Book.—Mr. E. F. Brown, of Towson town, is canvassing for "Personal Memoirs of Gen. U. S. Grant." The work is a valuable one and should be in every house. See advertisement elsewhere in THE UNION.

Narrow Escape.—In Baltimore, on Thursday, a runaway horse attached to a carriage, collided with the carriage of Mrs. Samuel M. Shoemaker, of Green Spring Valley, this county, but no damage was done.

Orphans' Court.—On Wednesday, the Baltimore county Orphans' Court granted letters to Charles W. H. Fry on the personal estate of Elizabeth Edwards and Elizabeth Frisby, deceased.

Admitted to the Bar.—In the Circuit Court of Baltimore county, on Wednesday on motion of Judge Gary, John S. B. Patterson and L. M. Huggins were admitted to the bar.

Appointed by the Governor.—Governor Lloyd has appointed William L. Amos a justice of the peace for the 7th district of this county, in place of Hoses Kelly, deceased.

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