

## WICOMICO AROUSED

People In One Of The Districts  
Excited Over The Recent  
Lynching.

## A THREATENING LETTER

White Men Who Say They Will  
Tolerate No Negro Outrages.

Mystery Of The Tall Leader Of The Mob  
At Salisbury Jail—Is There An Organ-  
ized Gang Of Lynchers?—Armed Men  
At The Village Of Allen—An Unusual  
State Of Affairs.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]  
SALISBURY, MD., May 27.—State's At-  
torney Rider summoned over fifty wit-  
nesses before the coroner's jury to give  
testimony in the lynching case of the  
young negro Garfield King, who was kil-  
led by a mob in Salisbury Wednesday night  
last. Ex-Senator E. Stanley Toadvin was  
one of the important witnesses. He testi-  
fied that he entered the jail as soon as  
the door was broken open to try and save  
the prisoner by reasoning with the fren-  
zied crowd, and also to protect four other  
colored men who were in another cell and  
who were clients of his. The ex-Senator  
said it was impossible to distinguish any  
one in the dimly-lighted corridor, and that  
many of the men had their faces either  
blacked or covered with red.

### Mysterious Tall Man.

The testimony of all the other witnesses  
was to the same effect. All agreed that  
the leader of the gang was a very tall,  
lean fellow, who was disguised in his dress  
and who had a mask over his face. The  
fact was brought out in this case, as in  
other lynchings on the Eastern Shore, that  
the leader was a tall man who could not  
be identified. The testimony in the Somers-  
et and Caroline lynchings was to the ef-  
fect that a tall man led the gang. A tall  
man for such leadership seems to be a pec-  
uliarity of lynchings. The promptness  
and business-like way in which the tall  
leader directed things in Salisbury Wednes-  
day night would suggest that he has had  
experience in such things before. The  
question is asked, therefore, "Have we a  
gang of organized lynchers on the East-  
ern Shore?"

The coroner's jury returned a verdict  
that Garfield King came to his death at  
the hands of unknown parties. It is evi-  
dent also that there is a sameness in the  
verdicts rendered in such cases.

### A Defiant Letter.

A letter was received by a newspaper  
editor in Salisbury today from Whayland,  
Wicomico county, which says: "There  
was a strange man around here last night.  
From appearances he is a detective, and  
must be here looking for some one who  
took part in the lynching of King. While  
I was not in it, there are probably some

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Dr. Gannon was for a number of years  
a surgeon of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-  
road at Harper's Ferry, and moved from  
there to Brunswick two years ago, where  
he purchased a drug store, but later sold  
it and began to actively practice his pro-  
fession.

## FRUIT CROP REPORTS

Successful Experiments By State Ento-  
mologist Johnson Against  
Pests.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]  
COLLEGE PARK, MD., May 27.—State  
Entomologist W. G. Johnson has just re-  
turned from the Eastern Shore, where he  
has been inspecting some suspicious  
orchards and making notes of experiments  
near Chestertown. His experiments with  
hydro-cyanic acid gas have thus far proved  
successful. He was unable to find a single  
living scale upon any of the trees fumi-  
gated, and the physiological effect is very  
conclusive. Not a leaf or fruit bud has  
been hurt, even where the gas was gener-  
ated double time and double strength.  
Professor Johnson was somewhat appreh-  
ensive about the physiological effects, as  
no similar experiments had heretofore been  
performed. All the trees treated with  
gas are in full foliage and set full of fruit.  
Where whale-oil soap was applied, at the  
rate of two pounds in a gallon of water,  
the trees are in fine condition and full of  
fruit.

Pear trees sprayed in January with pure  
kerosene are mostly dead, and where they  
are alive there is no fruit. From these  
and other tests the entomologist does not  
recommend pure kerosene as a spray for  
trees in orchards or any other place.

An examination of Professor Johnson's  
experiments in the orchard of Col. W. S.  
Powell, at Annapolis Junction, shows that  
all trees treated with gas are in fine condi-  
tion and all the scales dead, while trees  
sprayed with pure gasoline and 50 per  
cent. gasoline and water contain from 62  
to 78 per cent. living scales. Every indi-  
cation points to the gas treatment as the  
only safe and reliable one. From several  
hundred experimental tests at the experi-  
ment station with gas on nursery stock he  
has determined the limit it can be used  
and not hurt the tree.

The fruit crop in general on the Eastern  
Shore is better than the Professor expect-  
ed. The recent heavy hailstorm did some  
damage, especially to pears and peaches.  
In most varieties of pears there will be  
fully 85 per cent. of a crop, while with  
peaches the crop will be light. The upper  
part of the Delaware the pear crop will be  
from 50 to 75 per cent., peaches 20 per  
cent., apples 25 per cent., plums 20 per  
cent., quinces 50 per cent., strawberries  
80 per cent., raspberries 90 per cent.,  
gooseberries and currants 90 per cent.

## KILLED BY A TRAIN

Sad Fate Of Mr. Benjamin F. Van  
Horn, Crushed By The Pilot  
Of An Engine.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]

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### Thirston V

[Special Dispatch to  
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people who I know that I do have some-thing to do with it. We are determined to defend our citizens, who did their duty in avenging the cold-blooded murder of one of our best young men. Notice has been sent to our men to assemble Saturday to consult over the matter, and if the stranger stays here we will make it hot for him. We are law-abiding citizens, but this is a white man's county, and we propose to see that white men are not brutally murdered in cold blood by negroes. You can say that the lynchers will never be taken alive. Should there be a traitor among the crowd who 'squalls,' he must take the consequences. A boat, a stone and the river will quiet him."

Young Kenny, who was killed by King, was betrothed to Miss Annie Bond, a very estimable young lady living in the same neighborhood. They were to have been married in a few weeks.

#### White Men Armed.

Raymond Allen, a young resident of Allen, where Kenny was shot, arrived in Salisbury tonight in quest of guns, pistols and ammunition. He says the residents of Allen are much concerned over a report received there today to the effect that the negroes of Polk's Road, a negro settlement near there, were going to burn the town tonight. He says every house in Allen is under guard of several white men armed with shotguns and pistols, and that the place is practically under martial law. On account of the stores being closed when he reached Salisbury he could not obtain any arms and returned home at once. From his account the situation at Allen and Siloam must be rather a desperate one, and serious trouble may come if the colored people persist in their alleged threats. The white men at both places are heavily armed and will protect themselves against all comers.

## CONVICTED OF ASSAULT

Verdict Against A Negro Man In Carroll County - Personal And Other Matters.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.] WESTMINSTER, MD., May 27.—Alexander D. Whitbottom, colored, of Sykesville, Car-

FREDERICK, MD., May 27.—Benjamin F. Van Horn, a well-known resident of Frederick city, aged sixty years, was killed by an engine on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, near Reihl's Mills, four miles from the city, this morning. He was walking on the westbound track and seeing a freight train approaching, stepped over to the eastbound track, when the Frederick-Baltimore train, which left here at 6.30 o'clock, came around a sharp curve. The pilot of the engine struck him in the right side, crushing in his chest, breaking his right arm, left leg, collar-bone and six upper ribs. He was thrown some distance and besides the broken bones was badly bruised all over.

The train was stopped and he was taken to Reihl's Mills, where a physician was sent for, but he died soon after being picked up. Acting Coroner Roscoe C. White summoned a jury of inquest, with Christian H. Eckstein foreman. The verdict exonerated the railroad people from all blame. The remains were conveyed to Frederick in a special car and taken to his home on South street. He leaves a widow and four children.

#### Western Maryland College Graduates.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.] WESTMINSTER, MD., May 27.—The final examinations of the senior class of Western Maryland College ended yesterday, and today official announcement was made of the order of graduation and of the bestowal of the various honors for the commencement in June. The graduating class is twenty-six in number, and its roll is as follows: Edward B. Bates, Westminster; Howard L. Benson, Westminster; Emory G. Buckingham, Westminster; Charles O. Clemson, Union Bridge; R. Franklin Day, Damascus; Charles S. Friend, Swanton; W. Miles Garrison, Taylor; Ernest T. McNutt, Darlington; William B. Nelson, Westminster; Thomas H. D. Patton, Rose-land, N. J.; Henry H. Reckord, Belair; James H. Shreve, Clinton; Charles E. Snyder, Centreville; Fuller F. Taylor, Atlantic, Va.; W. Frank Thomas, Westminster; Thomas R. Woodford, Centreville; Clara G. Bacchus, Cambridge; Miriam Baynes, Baltimore; Nannie V. Stardinger, Cumber-

time of his death left a will for trial in the Circuit Court for trial. The attorneys for the Smiths, granddaughter of the Thirston, filed for probate a will purported to be a will left by the Thirston. The attorneys for Mr. Dixon, John B. Thirston's only son, contended his father left a will. The attorneys for Mrs. Smith, who had filed to the Maryland Court of Appeals, contended the Orphans' Court rejected the will. The other side argued that the Orphans' Court had no authority to make up the will. The case was decided.

#### The Cecil Freshet

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.] ELKTON, MD., May 27.—The Cecil Freshet, which empties into Little Elk creek, which empties into the Chesapeake Bay, experienced a freshet yesterday. The water swept away and much loss was merged by the sudden rise. Several small buildings were destroyed and some live stock drowned. The connection with Elk creek county sustains a very high water level. The county will suffer a loss of much as \$40,000 and probably much more. The Maryland owners of Little Elk creek are claiming damages.

#### Sale Of A Frederick

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.] FREDERICK, MD., May 27.—A lot of property, including a farm, was sold by Charles H. Utermehle to Thomas N. Harwood. Mr. Utermehle improved the property ten years ago by making a fifth acre. It is said the property, with improvements, cost him \$52,000. He has been conducting the farm for ten years. He says he will continue to improve the property and continue man-

#### Experiment Station

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.] ANNAPOLIS, MD., May 27.—