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Testimony in the Lynching Case.

The jury of inquest on the body of Wright Smith, colored, lynched on Wednesday morning of last week, met at the Court House Friday night, and heard the following testimony:

Thomas McNew, who lives near the jail, heard loud talking and firing, but knew none of the participants.

William T. Jewell, who lives nearly opposite the jail, testified that a buggy stopped in front of the jail about a quarter after 2. He and his wife went to the window. He did not know the man in the buggy. After the shooting he helped to carry the body to the jail from the lot, where the prisoner had fallen. There were twenty-five or thirty masked men at the jail when Smith was taken from the prison.

Policeman Brooks testified he was with Officer Basil when he heard the cry of "Murder." Basil thought it was a dog barking, but later after hearing of the affair, they pursued a buggy supposed to contain one of the lynching party. It proved to be a negro man named Green. Policeman Brooks, after the shooting went to the lot and found the dead man lying on his face. He notified the coroner.

Alexander McPherson, colored, said he was sick in bed, when he was aroused by the first shot that was fired. He went to the window and saw a crowd of twenty-five or thirty men. The men were firing rapidly, coming from the jail. A buggy went by his house in full speed and struck a lamp post, carrying it away. It struck a good blow, but the man in the team soon got away. When McPherson left the house he picked up a rope, he stated, which he showed to the policemen. The officers said he had better take possession of it, and it was in evidence at the coroner's jury. It was thought the rope would have been used if the negro had not made an attempt to escape.

The jury then took a recess until Monday morning at 11 o'clock when the investigation was resumed. A number of witnesses were examined none of whom were able to identify the parties.

Leslie Green, colored, testified that he came to Annapolis in a hurry; met a number of luggies on the Severn River bridge, but saw but one man, who, when he addressed him, placed his hands before his face and hid himself from view; the man wore a cutaway coat of black material; he lived in the third district and was on his way to Annapolis after his mother-in-law, who lives near the jail. His wife was ill and he hurried to town, reaching here at 2 o'clock. He met a number of teams to the bridge, but could not identify any of them. Nothing could be identified the horse and backboard, which he passed later on. None of the horses, he was sure, belonged to farmers living in his neighborhood. He had seen in the third district a backboard similar to the one he passed.

Eight other witnesses testified, but no important evidence was adduced. Some of the witnesses summoned knew absolutely nothing of the occurrence and only heard of it after the killing had taken place.

The coroner, after consultation with the jury and the State's Attorney, adjourned the further hearing until Friday at noon.

County Commissioners.

The board met on Tuesday, Oct. 11, and transacted the following business: The bill of F. H. Boneman, Justice of the Peace, was rejected.

Complaint having been made about telephone poles on the road in the first district, Secretary Watkins of the Telephone Company stated that all of the poles would be erected before the 1st of November.

An appropriation of \$75 was made for sand for the road through Owonsville.

The contract for grading the road from South Baltimore to Cedar Hill Cemetery was awarded to Michael Reynolds. His bid was 2 cents per cubic yard for solid rock, 1 cent for loose rock, and 10 cents for earth.

Reports of Justices of the Peace were received, as follows: Thos. L. McClelland, turning over \$78.85; J. G. Taylor, \$36; Julian Brewer, \$29.75; Jas. C. Moque, 25 cts.; Edward Joyce, \$3; Job Grissom, \$56; Edgar Shephard, \$4.50.

BILLS PASSED.

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Childs, J. X. roads	5 00
Douglas & Frick, Curtis Crk. bridge	1,530 00
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Dodson, R. F. magistrate	24 15
Evans, C. W. sew S. R. bldg.	61 18
Finch, R. W. bridges	515 00
Hall, George roads 1st dist.	2 00
Hesse & Bruns, lumber	672 70
Igelhart, Paul engineer	125 00
Igelhart, R. W. blue prints, &c	16 54
Nichols, I. W. pauper coffin	6 00
Pinkney, Wm. whitewashing at Alms house	25 00
Sheppers, J. M. work sew	15 00
Sheppard, Edgar magistrate	45 00
Suit, J. M. repair Alms house	49 00
Stinecomb, S. freight	6 22
Walker, Thos. work sew	19 70
Woolley & Fekelmeyer coffin for Wright Smith	30 00

Corporation Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Corporation of Annapolis, was held on Monday night. The reports of city officials were referred to proper committees.

The petition to open compromise street to Spa creek bridge, was referred to the street committee.

The petition of Waterwitch Hook & Ladder Company for the use of the Assembly Rooms on October 20th, for the purpose of holding a ball, was granted.

A petition from property holders on Conduit street extended, for the widening of said street at its entrance with Globe-street, was read; whereupon Alderman Bellis offered a resolution which was adopted, authorizing the Councilor to take such legal steps as may be necessary to condemn the necessary real estate on each side of Conduit street as may be necessary in accordance with the provisions of section 51, of Article 2, of the Code of Public Local Laws, and also such steps as he may deem necessary in accordance with the provisions of said section for assessing benefits to property owners on the lines of Conduit street.

On motion of Alderman Ridout, The Evening Capital and THE ADVERTISER were designated as city printers for one year from November 1st, 1898, at the sum of \$200 each.

Councilor Moss moved that the City Commissioner report to the Council at its next regular meeting what houses are connected with sewers, and what are not, and if they

Commissioners Offer No Reward.

State's Attorney Brushers appeared before the County Commissioners Tuesday afternoon and delivered a message from Gov. Lowndes to the effect that he, as Governor, would duplicate any reward offered by the county for the apprehension of the lynchers of Wright Smith. Commissioner Brown offered a resolution against the reward, which was unanimously adopted. President Gischel said that the Governor had not offered any reward for the capture of Smith, and he was opposed to the offering of a reward now.

The resolution is as follows: "The county commissioners of Anne Arundel county, having received and considered the verbal suggestion of the Governor of the State, as presented through the State's attorney, that a reward be offered for the apprehension of the parties responsible for the death of one Wright Smith, alleged to have been taken from the Annapolis jail and shot to death for an alleged criminal assault upon a woman in this county, decline and refuse to offer any reward."

Edward C. Gaunt, who was present, fully approved of the resolution, and said the board should go on record in protesting against offering a reward in the present case.

Naval Orders.

Naval cadet W. D. Leahy, detached from the Oregon and ordered to the Texas; Naval Cadet G. W. Fuller, detached from the Texas and ordered to the Oregon; Chaplain J. P. Childwick, detached from the Cincinnati and placed on writing orders; Lieut. J. J. Hunker, ordered to the bureau of navigation; Lieut. E. R. Underwood, detached from the Fern and ordered to the Terror; Lieut. H. H. Barroll, ordered to the New York; Lieut. J. J. Knapp, detached from the Navy Department and ordered to the Washington navy yard; Lieut. R. T. Mulligan, ordered to the Massachusetts; Lieut. J. M. Mitcheson, detached from the St. Louis and ordered home; Lieut. H. Bryant, detached from the Humboldt and ordered home; Lieut. C. E. Littlefield, ordered to duty as executive officer of the Esbion.

DR. BELL'S COUGH SYRUP IS EXPLORED FOR BRONCHITIS, LOSS OF VOICE, INFLAMMATION AND OTHER THROAT AND LUNG AFFECTIONS. IT CURES MORE QUICKLY THAN ANY OTHER MEDICINE.

Resolution Rejected.

The city council, at its regular meeting Monday night, voted down by an almost unanimous vote a resolution offered by Alderman W. H. Bates, colored, condemning the recent lynching of Wright Smith. When the resolution was offered Mr. Moss moved that it be referred to the aldermen of the third ward, both of whom are republicans, to be acted on next Friday. A viva voce vote was taken, and the resolution was defeated. The defeated resolution recited that the city had been disgraced, and then condemned the mob for taking the law in its own hands. Only two of the council voted for the resolution.

Maryland State Sunday School Convention.

SPECIAL RATES FOR DELEGATES.

The Maryland State Sunday School Convention will meet in Baltimore City, this week, Oct. 13th and 14th. Sunday schools are urged to send delegates. Each school is entitled to two delegates, besides the pastor, superintendent and the other officers, who are delegates by virtue of their positions.

On the Western Maryland, Balto. & Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Balto. & Lehigh Railroads, delegates will travel at the rate of two cents a mile on orders furnished on application to State Superintendent Geo. H. Nick, 112 N. Charles St., Balto., Md. On Annapolis Short Line, delegates

The Recent Lynching.

Annapolis, Oct. 7th, 1898.

MR. EDITOR:—As so much has been said by the press of the city of Baltimore condemnatory of the lynching which occurred last Wednesday morning,—please allow me space in your column to say a few words in justification of it. In order that I may be plainly understood in this matter, I will unhesitatingly say that I am in favor of lynching in all such cases, be the culprit black or white, and consider it the only remedy. We, in Anne Arundel have tried letting the law have its course in just such cases and with what result? I will cite a case in point. A few years ago a negro ruffian, at the dead hour of night, entered the home of one of our most respectable citizens, Mr. James Wells, of this city (not a relative of mine). He was detected by a member of the family, a law abiding citizen, who instead of shooting him on the spot had him arrested, and the officer making the arrest was severely cut by him, nearly severing his head from his body. The arrest was, however, made, the man duly tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of fourteen years and notwithstanding he was caught in the net five years before the expiration of the term of his sentence, he was pardoned by the present Executive of the State, and against the solemn protest of the party whose house he feloniously entered, the policeman whom he nearly murdered and many of our best citizens. Now what is to be done under such humiliating circumstances? Are we to permit the law to take its regular course? Is the *cutaneous* press would have us do or take the law in our own hands?

As to a "mob" lynching the wrong way, it is all hush, and I venture the assertion and without fear of contradiction that more innocent persons are hanged judicially, than by Judge Lynch. It is not a pleasant pastime, is some seem to think, for an outraged community to take the law in its own hands and execute a scoundrel who steals into the house of one of its reputable citizens during his absence and violates the sanctity of his home by either murder, rapine or assaulting in any other manner, his wife or any member of his family, but a dire necessity. What is the life of such a fiend compared with the torture of the victim? Who, in a crowded court room, would be compelled, *to wit*, to recite the horrible occurrence in all its revolting details, and with perhaps, the prisoner's groans endeavoring to wring from her, a virtuous woman, the admission that the assault was made by and with her consent. Such a procedure I must say, I once witnessed in our court, when Judge Revell was presiding, and who, I have no doubt remembers it well. There is but one way to stop lynching in Anne Arundel County, and that is, the cessation of all such terrible crimes.

GEORGE WELLS.

Months ago we started planning and buying for this Fall. Skill, time, pains, capital, all have borne the burden together and the combination has worked wonders. Ours is Annapolis today is better, larger, brighter and more up to date than ever before. Every department has had a thorough going over. Old goods are gone, everything is new, clean, and in the latest mode.

Fashion's newest fancies are mirrored here, and every best style is shown. Hats, Shoes, Furnishings, Tailoring, Underwear, Shirts, Athletic Goods, and everything that a man