

THE APRIL TERM OF COURT.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDING OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE.

Judge James Revell's Charge to The Jury Very Forceful—He Denounces Lynching in Strong Terms.

UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF CRIMINAL CASES.

The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county convened here today for the April term. Chief Judge Rogers and Associate Judges Revell and Thomas were on the bench. The charge to the grand jury was delivered by Judge Revell and Chief Judge Rogers conducted the call of the docket. After the call of the docket the trial of cases on the magistrate's appeal docket was begun.

The court announced the following selection of grand and petit jurors:

Grand Jurors--William F. Williams, foreman; Oliver S. League, Charles A. DuBois, William H. Moss, Cornelius Jarboe, Lemon Beall, Zachariah Wood, Robert Arnold, John B. Phipps, Herbert Williams, John A. Russell, George A. Davis, Nicholas M. Disney, Enoch P. Johnson, J. Morsell Bond, William H. Halloch, Zachariah Ridout, Virgil M. Franklin, Cyrus N. Joyce, Isaac W. Nichols, Henry Baldwin.

Petit Jurors—A. W. Stine, Virgil M. Phipps, Samuel T. Wilson, Caleb E. Donaldson, James W. Turner, Richard F. Simmons, Robert P. Stevens, William E. Feldmeyer, R. Hugh Wood, Samuel S. Hopkins, Edward Waters, James D. Hardesty, Herman E. Stoll, Jesse Wilson, Charles H. Dexter, Lemuel S. Kelbaught, William H. Davis, Peter Potes, George H. McPherson, William C. White, Howard C. Alvey, Bernard Wiegard, John N. Childs, J. Frank Turner and Stewart Turner.

In his charge Judge Revell alluded to the lynching of the negro Chambers or Lee, charged with a criminal assault upon Mrs. John Reid, the lynching occurring during December last. Judge Revell said that the act was contrary to law and must be punished if information could be found as to who had committed the act. However, he said, those taking part in such affairs were not generally punished by the courts. Judge Revell said that the law allowed a person to shoot down a robber and that it was not remarkable that persons should take the law in their hands when a woman was robbed of that which was far dearer than any mere property.

The Judge also warned the grand jury to be alert in looking out for violations of local option and Sunday laws, and named the Fifth and Third districts, contiguous to Baltimore city, and the Eighth district, in the lower end of the county, as sections where it had been alleged that violations had taken place. Judge Revell also called the attention of the jury to certain statutes that are required to be laid before them, including that directed against abortion, the law relative to crap shooting and other forms of gambling and the provision requiring that doors of public buildings shall open outward.

There will probably be about the usual amount of criminal business during the term and more than the usual amount of civil litigation. The criminal cases docketed are as follows: Seven continuances, 12 appeals, 8 appearances and 19 recognizances. The civil cases are: Ten appeals, 82 trials, 2 removed cases and 54 appearances.