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## A Murder and Lynching.

**GARFIELD KING, COLORED, SHOT HERMAN KENNY, WHITE, AND A MOB LYNCHED THE NEGRO.**

**Details of the Lynching Which Took Place at the County Jail**

King, a colored youth eight years old, was lynched at the county jail last Wednesday night by a mob of white men. King was arrested Sunday morning by Sheriff Da-hiell and lodged in jail to await the results of a pistol shot wound inflicted by him up on Herman Kenney, a young white man, near Twigg's store in Trappe district last Saturday night.

The wounded man was brought to the Peninsula General Hospital twenty-four hours after the shooting and the hospital faculty at once operated for the ball. From the first there was small hope of his recovery. He died at the hospital Tuesday evening just seventy-two hours after he received the fatal shot. The remains were removed to the residence of Stansbury Short, in California, where they were prepared for burial. Wednesday afternoon the State's Attorney gave King a preliminary hearing at Mr. Short's residence before the remains of young Kenney were removed to White Haven for interment. At the hearing the evidence was all against the prisoner and he was held for the action of the Grand Jury which will be convened next September.

The dead lad's funeral was attended by all his neighbors and acquaintances and much feeling was displayed.

### THE LYNCHING.

As early as Tuesday vague rumors of contemplated lynching were heard in Salisbury, but these were taken to be idle threats inspired by the human desire for speedy revenge. All day Wednesday, roughly clad countrymen could be seen about the streets of Salisbury, and by eleven o'clock Wednesday night those of our citizens who were still

No rope was at hand. Cries of "a rope, a rope," filled the corridor of the jail.

At this juncture Mr. E. Stanley Toadvin, accompanied by other citizens of Salisbury, appeared upon the scene and pleaded with the mob to return the prisoner to the custody of the sheriff. The big leader brushed aside all advocates of order and mercy and adjusted the rope which had in the meantime been procured. Then the fighting, struggling negro was dragged, kicked, clubbed and beaten to the foot of the stairs, into the jail yard, swung to the big limb of a fine young maple. He had hardly been swung to the limb when the rope broke and the man fell to the ground. The rope was again adjusted and the doomed man was again strung up; in this struggle one shot was fired into his

the mob retired to the side of a jail and fired a volley of slugs, buckshot and bullets into the body of the defenseless victim. The mob then went up to their victim and looked at his lifeless body, then they again retired and more volleys were fired into his body. Assuring themselves that the deed was thoroughly done, the stalwart leader gave the command to fall in, and the mob marched away. Mr. A. F. Benjamin reached the place just as the leader appeared, and he says that the whole awful deed was done between 12.35 and 12.50 o'clock.

Judge Holland was disturbed from his slumbers by the shooting and hurriedly dressing, he appeared upon the scene just as the mob was taking its orderly leave of the scene of bloody action. He ordered the remains of the lynched boy cut down from the tree and placed in the old engine house for protection till burial. Thursday morning hundreds of citizens visited the place. They saw the bloody, disfigured remains of a slightly built, intelligent faced mulatto youth about 18 years old. His body was clothed in a coarse shirt and pair of trousers, and on his feet were a pair of black cotton stockings. The shots of the mob had cut holes in his chest and face and blown away that part of his shirt which covered the upper part of his body.

Thursday afternoon Undertaker Hill wrapped the body in a winding sheet, placed it in a neat coffin and interred it in the burial ground beyond the N. Y. P. & N. railroad. This closes the first act of the most lamentable tragedy that has ever clouded the fair pages of Wicomico's history. King was a native

### Sharpsown Letter.

Miss Alice Robinson a student of the State Normal school, of Baltimore, arrived home Thursday.

Fred S. Bounds is erecting a handsome new residence on Ferry street.

Wildy D. Gravenor and Miss Annie Bounds were married in the M. P. Church on Tuesday night by Rev. B. F. Jester. After the ceremony the happy couple repaired to the home of the groom. The groom is the senior member of the firm of W. D. Gravenor & Bro., and the bride is the youngest daughter of the late James Bounds.

Several of our young men left this week for Philadelphia where they will work in the navy yard.

John H. Smith has enlarged his mercantile business.

A new clothing store was opened in the Twilley building this week by a Baltimore Jew.

### Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Salisbury, (Md.) Post Office, Saturday, May 28th, 1898.

Mr. Harry Rounds, Mr. Tom Collins, Mr. H. Schwartz, Mr. F. J. Hunt, Mr. Max Goldbourg, Mrs. Terese Town, Eleanora Massey, Miss Elnore Massett, Miss Belle Leonard, Miss Lizzie Majors.

Persons calling for these letters will please say they are advertised.

MARY D. ELLEGOOD, Postmistress.

### Honor Roll.

Following is the report of the third grade, Primary department, Salisbury High School, class numbering 51:

Grace Kersey 99.6, Maude Godfrey 99.1, Bessie Pooley 98, Mamie Kelley 97.7, Amelia Disharoon 97, Thomas Perry 96, Loure Reinwall 95.2, Raymond Wimbrow 95. M. E. BELL, Teacher.

### Notice.

The Holy Eucharist will be offered in S. Philip's Chapel, next Sunday morning—May 29th—at 7 o'clock. Also—the same morning, at 10 o'clock—in S. Bartholomew's Church—Green Hill. Evening Prayer that afternoon—in Saint Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin, at 8.30 o'clock. Franklin B. Adkins, Rector.

The case of William Stultz of Westminster for damages against Thomas J.

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abroad perceived that something unusual was in the atmosphere. With the exception of a citizen here and there, Salisbury had already retired for the night's refreshing slumber at 11.30 o'clock, but those who were still on the streets were soon to be spectators of a sight that no man ever before witnessed within the peaceful, law-loving, law-abiding confines of Wicomico county. For by that hour squads of men unknown to our people, and made all the more un-recognizable by the darkness around, were gathering on the court house green in front of the jail. They had taken the precaution to put out the electric lights, and the night itself was made dark by low hanging clouds, from which occasional scurries of rain fell.

Before mid-night signal shots were heard in several directions and at once all the out-lying forces began to concentrate at the county jail.

Meanwhile Sheriff Dashiell had been made aware of the mob's presence, and was preparing to make the best defense of his prisoner that his circumstances would permit. By this time a hundred and fifty men, many of them clad in gum boots, oil coats and tarpaulin hats, had gathered in a quiet, orderly mass at the jail door. They seemed to be patiently awaiting the arrival of somebody, presumably their leader. At 12.35 o'clock their leader was observed to come up from the direction of Division street. His arrival was signaled by a ready hurrah. He lost no time in approaching the Sheriff, who stood inside the jail doors, and demanded of that official the jail keys.

The sheriff firmly declined to surrender anything, and the leader of the mob directed some of his men to fetch a convenient telephone pole. Thirty men operating with this soon broke the steel bolt which held the jail door, and the mob rushed up stairs to the cell of the victim. A big masked fellow with an axe soon disabled the lock which held the cell door, and the prisoner was dragged out. Somebody called for a rope.

of Trappe district, and a graduate of the Princess Anne colored Academy.

#### HERMAN KENNEY.

Herman Kenney, the young man who died from the pistol shot wound, inflicted by King last Saturday night near Twigg's store, was a son of Edward Kenney, Esq., who resides on the Ben Davis farm, near White Haven. He was 22 years old, and was a quiet, industrious young man, much esteemed in the community. At the time of the shooting he was in the employ of Mr. Gamaliel Banks, a farmer of Trappe district. He was about to be married to a young lady in the neighborhood. His parents and brothers and sisters are almost distracted with grief over his sad and untimely death.

At the preliminary hearing last Wednesday, the testimony was all to the effect that young Kenney received the fatal shot while on his way last Saturday night from Twigg's store to his home. He left the store in company with friends shortly after King and a party of his friends had departed. The two parties met just outside the store. Young Kenney quietly remarked to one of the loiterer, who happened to be King, "get out of the way and let us pass." King stepped back a few paces, according to the testimony, and drawing a revolver, fired at young Kenney, saying as he did so, "take that and see if you can carry it." Young Kenney testified to State's Attorney Rider before his death at the hospital, to the same effect. King said that he had been struck by Kenney and shot in self-defense. There was not the slightest evidence to substantiate the statement.

The death of young Kenney and the resultant lynching have caused the deepest regret in the hearts of our best citizens.

As we go to press a jury of inquest is holding an adjourned session in the Sheriff's office in the Court House. It is composed of E. W. Humphreys, Dr. L. S. Bell, B. H. Parker, Samuel Gunby, Lemuel Malone, Frank Waller, O. J. Schnock, Wesley Hearn, Harry Dennis, W. I. Todd, John Park and L. M. Dashiell.

tiff's son, Jesse Stultz, in a collision between a bicycle and a horse, has been decided in favor of the defendant. The evidence showed that young Stultz was riding his wheel with his head down when he collided with the animal driven by Gunn.

It is thought in Cumberland that a new indictment against the polluters of the Potomac river will be necessary, as the Piedmont Pulp and Paper Company, which was convicted of pollution of the water, has been succeeded by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, a new organization.

Dr. William P. Eveland has resigned as a director of the Jacob Tome Institute, and Prof. H. H. Howe, formerly principal of the State Normal School at San Jose, Cal., has been elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Harry Willoughby has brought suit against the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county for damages sustained by his traction engine. The machine fell through one of the county bridges.

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