

PROBE MAY END

Lynching Investigation Dropped For the Present.

EFFORTS OF POLICE FRUITLESS

Anne Arundel Grand Jury Fails to Uncover Clue.

For the last two weeks the Anne Arundel grand jury has been pursuing a rigid investigation, with the view of running down some of the men who participated in the lynching bee of Christmas morning, when King Johnson, a negro, who had shot and killed Frederick Schwab, a white man, was taken from the Brooklyn lockup and shot to death; it was stated yesterday that absolutely no tangible clue has been secured.

Not only have the police officers of the Fifth district busied themselves with the investigation, but at the instance of State's Attorney Nicholas H. Green sleuths of the Smith, West and Lyons detective agency were put to work on the case, but without any fruitful results. The service of the detectives have now been dispensed with, the investigation has been dropped for the present, and unless something unexpected turns up, it will be dropped entirely.

There have been several witnesses before the grand jury, including the men named in an anonymous communication sent to Justice Potee at Brooklyn the day following the lynching, and who, it was said, were in the mob that took the negro from the lockup, but the jurors gained no information whatever from any of these. It developed, according to their testimony, that all they knew of the case was from rumors and hearsay.

Nelson Randall alias Harris, the young negro who shot and killed his wife at Pumphrey Station a few days ago was arraigned before Judge Bra-shears in the Circuit Court yesterday. A plea of "not guilty" was entered, and State's Attorney Green expects to bring the case to trial in about two weeks. Randall has previously admitted the commission of the deed.