

# The Evening Times

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## ARMSTEAD TAYLOR CHEERFUL.

### Dora Rosenstein's Murderer Does Not Believe He Will Hang.

Frederick, Md., July 11.—Armstead Taylor, who has been condemned to death for the murder of Dora Rosenstein and who is confined in the county jail here, continues in a very cheerful mood. He says, he was born at Buck Lodge, Montgomery county, in 1869. He got one of his guards, Charles Six, to write a letter to his mother at Dickerson Station, Saturday. He talks and jokes with the guards and is in the best of spirits. He does not believe that he will ever hang, as he has escaped death too often. "I have been shot at 101 times already in my life and still I am living," he says.

He is enjoying his change of food very much, and has a ravenous appetite. Since his conviction his food is supplied from the sheriff's table, and he seems much amused at his friend Brown eating jail food while he is consuming the delicacies of the season. He must, however, content himself with eating with a spoon and his fingers, as he is not given either a knife or fork. He appears to be a fair specimen of the lowest type of his race and utterly

devoid of any intelligence. He has a low, receding forehead, with protruding lips, and coal black skin. He declared yesterday that he will not testify against Brown.

The trial of John Alfred Brown for the murder of Louis Rosenstein was taken up at 10 o'clock this morning, with Chief Justice McSherry and Associate Justice Henderson on the bench, in the criminal court here. One hour was monopolized by eighteen challenges by the defence and one by the prosecution. Brown was brought into court, and nervously tossed his hat about in his hand. He was asked by the court to raise his right hand, but raised his left instead, and when told of that fact smiled and raised his right.

The opening address to the jury for the prosecution was made by Edward Peter, of Rockville, and for the defence by George Pearre, jr., of Comus. Lewis Blunt, a civil engineer of Montgomery county, was first placed on the stand by the prosecution, showing to the jury maps of the scene of the murder, etc.

There is no doubt that this case will be bitterly fought, as able counsel are on both sides. Nellie Turner was placed on the stand and testified that Brown and Taylor were constantly together, grubbing in the fields and in the house at night. She became confused in her testimony and it

proved most damaging to Brown. Mrs. Walter Carlin testified as to the time of Brown passing her house. William Case, who lives at Mrs. Carlin's, corroborated her testimony.

Brown takes much consolation from the statement that Taylor will not testify against him, and one of his counsel said they were confident of securing his acquittal. Brown says he is forty-two years of age and has eleven children in Washington living with his wife, from whom he separated four years ago, and went to live with Nellie Turner. He has frequently been seen by the guards engaged in prayer in his cell.

Annapolis, Md., July 11.—A transcript of the death sentence of Armstead Taylor, the negro who was sentenced by Judge McSherry to be hanged for the murder of Dora Rosenstein, in Slidell, Montgomery county, has been received at the executive chamber from Frederick county. It now remains for the governor to designate a day for the execution of the sentence of the court, which will probably be done shortly.