

TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED

CHARGED WITH ELLISON MURDER. Brack and Ned Toland, Negroes, held in South Carolina Penitentiary on suspicion of having committed the murder of Mrs. Ellison, in Lexington county.

Observer Bureau, 1422 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Feb. 27. Two young negroes, giving their names as Brack Toland and Ned Toland, brothers, and their home as Prosperity, are in the South Carolina penitentiary, held on suspicion of guilt in connection with the brutal murder of Mrs. Ellison, yesterday in Lexington county.

TOLAND'S STORY. Brack Toland is the younger of the two brothers under arrest. He tells a story which bears some of the marks of truth and in some points is open to suspicion.

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SENTIMENT OF COMMUNITY. There are those in Brookland and vicinity, however, who think Brack is telling the truth and suspicious rests upon certain negroes of the idle sort who are found guilty of petty stealing around that community.

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Hockingham Republicans Endorse Taft For Presidency. Special to The Observer. Heldville, Feb. 27.—At the meeting of the Republican executive committee of this county there was a large number of the members in attendance and some business outside the usual routine was transacted.

Basketball To-Morrow Night. The Athletics and the Southerners are scheduled for a match game of basketball at the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow night at 8:30 o'clock.

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