

THE DEADLY WORK OF UNKNOWN THUGS

Robbery and Murder of Elijah Weeks.

THE VICTIM STRANGLER

A ROPE WAS THE WEAPON EMPLOYED.

WEEKS SLEPT AT HIS STORE THAT NIGHT

In the Morning His Body Was Found There With a Rope Drawn Tightly Around the Neck. Men Suspected of the Murder.

Morehead City, N. C., June 8.—(Special.)—Elijah Weeks, a merchant and prominent citizen of Bogue postoffice, this county, was robbed and murdered at his store last night.

Mr. Weeks slept in the building. There he was found this morning with a rope drawn so tightly around his neck as to have caused strangulation.

It is supposed the robber or robbers secured a considerable amount of money. No clue has yet been discovered as to who were the perpetrators of the deed.

LATER AND FULLER REPORT.

Beaufort, N. C., June 8.—(Special.)—Mr. E. R. Weeks, well to do merchant, who lives on Bogue Sound about 25 miles from Beaufort, was murdered last night in his store on Bogue Sound near the postoffice known as Bogue. The parties who committed the deed are so far not known, though strong suspicion points to men in the neighborhood.

One of them is a negro, Mr. Weeks had been sleeping in his store, and for the last few days had been feeble. The people at the place where he took his meals wondered why he was so late coming to breakfast. When some of the family went out to the store, they found there that the window shutters had been broken open, and also found the tracks of two persons under the window. The window shutters had been bored into by an auger.

They found Mr. Weeks upon his bed in the store with a rope around his neck, with his feet on the floor. No mark was found on the body but the one made by the rope. The coroner and jury left Beaufort this afternoon to hold an inquest.

Mr. Weeks was about 50 years of age; never had been married. He was one of the first citizens of Carteret county. Some months ago parties broke into his store and stole \$60, but this time they only got about \$10 in cash.

NINE MONTHS OF COTTON.

Net Decrease in the Crop Marketed 91,000 Bales.

New Orleans, La., June 8.—Secretary Hester's analysis of the cotton movement for the nine months of the season from September 1st to May 31st shows that compared with the crop movement last year Texas, including Indian Territory, has brought into sight this season 446,000 more, while other Gulf States, which include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Missouri have marketed 423,000 less, and the group of Atlantic States, which includes North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Virginia show a decrease of 114,000. In other words all of the States outside of Texas and Indian Territory have decreased 537,000 bales, against an increase of 446,000, leaving the net decrease in the total of crop marketed of 91,000 bales.

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To Charlotte, N. C. and return \$5.90, on account of commencement Biddle University, June 2nd to 7th. Tickets to be sold June 1 to 7, inclusive, final limit June 9th.

To Charlotte, N. C. and return \$5.65, on account of Annual Session Biblical Assembly, June 20-29. Tickets to be sold June 18, 19, 20 and 21, final limit July 3.

To Fayetteville, N. C., and return \$4.00, on account of Meeting Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, June 20th. Tickets to be sold June 18, 19 and 20, with final limit June 22.

To Asheville, N. C., and return \$11.00, on account of Meeting Grand Commandry, Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons and the Shrine, June 13-17. Tickets to be sold June 11, 12 and 13, with final limit June 20.

For further information write or call on H. S. Leard, T. P. A. and Z. P. Smith, C. T. A.

Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a ligament strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the druggist recommended me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-half of a 50-cent bottle cured me entirely. I now recommend it to all my friends.—F. A. Batecock, Esq., Pa. It is for sale everywhere. Bobbitt Wynne Drug Co. and H. T. Hicks, Druggists, Raleigh.

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The Seaboard Air Line is justly proud of the record recently made by Delaware Park. During the past week, the trouble has been to accommodate parties who have applied for dates in June. Many have applied far ahead, and the month is almost full; but there are a few days left for those who will promptly call upon or write to L. S. Allen, General Passenger Agent, Portsmouth, Va.

On the banks of the Nottoway river, about forty miles from Portsmouth and some hundred and thirty miles from Raleigh, the fishing ranges from net-hauling to canoe and perch-angling for the children. They can go out alone safely with a paddle in the still water. There are shady "holes" for small fry "yellow bellies," which can be eaten hot and sweet for lunch under the poplars.

Up the hill is Delaware Park, fenced in with swings and merry-go-rounds, bicycle tracks and sloping, grassy, breezy lawns, pavilions and music, swings "way down in the hollows, with streams sparklingly threading the lines between the hills.

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ON THE DIAMOND.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

Baltimore, Md., June 8.—Howell pitched and won his first full game for the Orioles to-day. Payne was batted out of the box in the first inning and Gardner was almost as easy. Attendance 1,022. Score: R. H. E. Baltimore . . . 0 0 1 1 0 0 3 0—5 11 3 Philadelphia . . . 4 2 1 0 2 0 2 9—11 15 2 Batteries: Payne, Gardner and Shriver; Howell and Robinson. Umpires, Swartwood and Warner. Time 2:00.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 8.—Rain stopped to-day's game at the end of the sixth inning. In the fifth inning the Phillies had a lead of one run and in the sixth St. Louis, with two singles, a double and a triple secured one run to the good. Thomas and Delahanty went out in order and Childs rapped out a single. Five more hits followed, one of them a three-bagger, and the Phillies scored five runs. When the third man was out Umpire Burns stopped the game. Attendance 1,958. Score: R. H. E. St. Louis . . . 0 0 0 1 0 3—4 8 0 Philadelphia . . . 0 0 1 1 1 5—8 13 1 Batteries: Snodhoff and O'Connor; Pfiel and McFarland. Umpires, Burns and Smith. Time 1:45.

New York, June 8.—New York scored another easy victory over Cleveland to-day. The Cleveland team was out-classed and will win but few games in its present condition. Attendance 300. Score: R. H. E. Cleveland . . . 0 1 3 1 0 0 0 0—5 13 1 New York . . . 3 2 0 1 4 0 0 4—14 16 2 Batteries: Hill and Zimmer; Seymour and Grady. Umpires, O'Day and McGarr. Time 2:00.

New York, June 8.—Hughes was invincible to-day and with the aid of faultless support shut out the Cincinnati in Brooklyn with ease. Attendance 2,800. Score: R. H. E. Cincinnati . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 6 3 Brooklyn . . . 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—5 5 0 Batteries: Hawley and Wood; Hughes and Grim. Umpires, Emshie and McDonald. Time 1:34.

Washington, June 8.—The Senators won a very evenly balanced game in the tenth inning to-day when Slagle knocked out a three bagger, which was followed by Barry's single. Attendance 2,000. Score: R. H. E. Washington . . . 1 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 1—5 9 3 Chicago . . . 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 1 0 0—4 9 4 Batteries: Mercer and McGuire; Taylor and Nichols. Umpires, Lynch and Connolly. Time 2:10.

Boston, Mass., June 8.—It took twelve innings for the Champions to beat Louisville to-day. Lewis was hit hard all through the game, and the home team's fielding was considerably below par. Attendance 1,890. Score: R. H. E. Boston . . . 1 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 1 0 2—7 14 4 Louisville . . . 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0—5 12 2 Batteries: Lewis and Clarke; Dowling and Powers. Umpires, Gaffney and Andrews. Time 2:20.

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MR. BLAND SLOWLY DYING.

Lebanon, Mo., June 8.—At 10 o'clock Mr. Bland appeared somewhat brighter and probably will live through the night. He has been speechless for 24 hours. The physicians regard the case as hopeless and have so informed the family.

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CLOUD OVER THE SOUTH

JUDGE SPEER BLAMES ONLY PARIASHS OF THE NEGRO RACE.

The Negro Performs His Duty in the Jury Box, and the Negro Character is One to be Laid.

Macon, Ga., June 8.—The brief abstract of the remarkable address delivered by Judge Emory Speer yesterday before the graduating law class of Mercer University inadvertently did him an injustice. The distinguished jurist to-day in a statement which will attract wide attention; made clear his position regarding his attitude toward the negroes as a race, in connection with the outrageous crimes committed by some of their number. After referring to the brighter auspices of the graduates of the class of 1899 as compared with his own during the Civil War period, he said:

"There is, however, one dark cloud on the bright morning of our hopes. I speak as a Georgian, as I have the right. I speak of that condition of the public mind because of which thousands of husbands, brothers and fathers, go to their daily labors with a rightful dread, akin to that which assailed the pilgrims of New England who, with his savage foeman hard by, stalked to church with firelock on shoulder and sword at his side, or the backwoodsman of the South and West who tills his new ground with his rifle ever in reach; of that danger to the peace and happiness of our rural homes as agonizing and infuriating as any which ever afflicted the human race.

"Let me say in the outset that it is a destructive error to charge the negro race with the atrocities of its own outcasts and pariahs. And let me next declare, what is even more important, the negroes, if they wish to continue to remain in peace in these Southern States must, by their own conduct and assistance as citizens, to the officers of the law in bringing the cruel and cowardly Apaches of their race to the bar of public justice, acquit themselves of the charge now widely made of racial sympathy with the criminal, no matter how atrocious his crime. The plainest instinct of self preservation aside from the dictates of right and duty demand this of their hands. Nor is this demand incompatible with the character and history of the upright men of their race. We Southern people know that there is a wonderful difference among the negroes. There is doubtless as much difference in tribal descent among them as there is in nationality of ancestry among the white people. While some of our negro population are descended from degraded tribes and yet preserve in exasperating perfection their ancestral vices, others spring from those gentle and manly races who kindly ministered to the helpless Livingston in his long wanderings across the Dark Continent. These worthy men have the confidence and good will of the Southern gentlemen. Indeed the negro is largely the peasantry of the Southern States, and his labors add enormously to the aggregate of the wealth. I feel that after all that has been said, this colored farmer is no mean friend of the State, with all of its advancing civilization. There are visionaries who talk about the colonization of the negro, but unless he chooses to go himself this is utterly impracticable. My word for it, he will not choose to go. No race has stronger loyal attachments than the negro. Besides way down in our hearts we do not want him to go.

"There will ever be as there have ever been, crimes committed by individuals, many of them so atrocious that the story will stir a fever in the blood of age or make the infant shiver strong as steel. It is due, however, when we consider our vast territory and large population, to say that they are comparatively infrequent. Certainly it is that these crimes when committed must be dealt with according to the methods of civilized peoples. The constitutions of the

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"In those courts where I have presided for many years I have often witnessed negroes do their whole duty to the government and to non-residents against every power of advocacy and very prejudice of the past. I have never known them to fail of their duty to the right by a disregard of the juror's oath. These things I know, and I here and now declare, understanding the full significance of what I say, that all these tragic incidents as they have been spread before the country of late in all their sickening and fearsome details, are utterly foreign and abnormal to the character of this people as I have known and loved it from childhood's days, and I shall know and love it until my eyes are closed in death."

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