

PLANTER KILLED ELEVEN MEN TO CONCEAL CRIME

Mutilated Corpses of Eleven Negroes Removed from Shallow Graves and the Alcevy River.

STRUCK OVER HEAD WITH AXE

Monticella, Ga., March 27.—Two more bodies of negroes were recovered from the Alcevy river here today, making a total of eleven bodies that have been found in connection with peonage investigations that have been conducted on the farm of John Williams.

Inquests were held today over three bodies found buried on the Williams' plantation; two found on the Campbell plantation, also operated by Williams and three taken from the Alcevy river. Three other bodies were taken from the Yellow river two weeks ago.

The bodies found today were chained together and weighted down with sacks of stone and iron attached to the head and feet.

A coroner's jury investigating the deaths of five negroes whose bodies were found buried and the two found in the river, fixed the responsibility in each case. In two instances at least, the jury found that negroes were forced to dig their own graves.

The bodies were disinterred, placed in coffins and buried late today in the Jasper county pauper's cemetery, the county paying the expense.

The coroner's jury conducted the inquest by numbers. The first inquest was over John Williams, same name as the plantation owner, whose grave was dug by himself. The jury was informed that the negro was sent to a pasture in a ravine not far from a creek to dig a post hole. After digging the hole Manning's confession shows that he struck Williams over the head with an axe, pushed the body into the hole and covered it up.

Johnny Green was number two. He was sent to the same pasture to bring cows back to the stable. Manning says that he killed Green in the same way, but had to dig the grave.

Willie Givens was referred to as number three. He was killed on his way to a country store, in the same ravine, but Charley Chisholm was named as the negro who killed Givens.

The jury traveled four miles across the country to the Campbell plantation, also operated by Williams. Fletcher Smith, body number four, was found there. Smith was sent to dig a well and when he had dug deep enough to receive his body Manning's confession, as repeated to the jury, showed that he killed him with an axe and then covered up the hole.

Verdict in the case of number one, John Williams, was that Williams met death at the hands of Manning, the plantation owner, Williams, being implicated by the jury's verdict.

The same verdict was returned in the case of number two—Johnny Green.

In the case of number three—Willie Givens—the jury held that Chisholm did the killing.

In numbers four and five—Fletcher Smith and "Big" John—Manning was again held responsible.

In the cases of numbers seven and eight—"Little Bit" and John Brown—the jury held that the negroes Manning and Chisholm and John Williams, the plantation owner, were responsible.

The verdict for number six—Charley Chisholm—read "We, the jury, find that Charley Chisholm met his death at the hands of Clyde Manning and John S. Williams."

Williams came from near Forsyth in Monroe county 27 years ago. Reports that followed him here indicate that his home and other buildings on his plantation in Monroe county were destroyed at that time.

Around March 1st, two departments of justice agents, A. J. Wisner and E. S. Chastain, came to Jasper county to investigate alleged peonage practices on the Williams' plantation. They called on Williams, among others, but it is said that Williams gave a satisfactory explanation of his operations.

At that time Williams is said to have had only twelve negroes. The special agents went to the farm of Hulon Williams, a son of John Williams, where they are said to have seen three or four negroes at work and Leroy Williams, a son, is said to have been guarding the negroes with a gun.

The Williams are said to have resented the visit of the government's agents and after the agents left the premises Williams is said to have become apprehensive of the results. The three sons of Williams were at that time said to have been sent away from the plantation. These sons are Hulon, Leroy and Marvin. They were gone for three weeks.

It was after they left it is alleged that the bodies were disposed of. The sons have not been arrested. Warrants for their arrest were returned to the governor today as county officials said that there was no information connecting them with the case.

When Williams was before the grand jury, it developed that Manning was in the courthouse at Covington telling all that he knew of the killings. It is Manning's information that has led to the discovery of the bodies, the indictments and other developments. And Manning says that it was through fear that Chisholm might give this information that Chisholm was put out of the way.

To Prevent Baldness

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A Bit Both Ways.

"No doubt appearance has a lot to do with one's success." "But not so much an success has to do with one's appearance."—The Bulletin (Sydney).

DOG FAILS TO SAVE HIS MASTER

Animal Keeps Murderers Away for Months, But is Finally Slain.

There is a certain town in Sicily where the inhabitants have trained dogs to protect their homes against brigands and other lawless characters. These Sicilians on leaving their homes seldom bother to secure doors or windows. They have trained their dogs so well that the animals can take care of the most cunning of criminals.

When a thief enters one of these homes the dogs do not attack him. They receive him in silence, even wagging their tails sometimes in apparent friendliness. But no matter where the thief may go the dog follows, never losing sight of him for a moment. He follows the thief from room to room. The thief may lead himself up with all the loot he likes, but the dog views his thieving with indifference.

It is not until the thief attempts to leave the place that the dog displays any real interest in him. He then becomes remarkably active. He jumps in front of the culprit, barring his way and defying him to attempt to leave. If the thief makes a break for the door or window, the dog is upon him. As a rule the animal seizes the thief by the throat, but whenever he strikes his teeth nothing short of death can make him release his hold. If the intruder attempts to draw a weapon the dog is upon him like a flash of lightning. These dogs have been nicknamed Italian bulldogs, but they are of a mongrel breed with just a trace of the genuine bulldog in their blood. They more closely resemble wolfish hounds.

Several years ago a Sicilian whom the Camorra had marked for death came to New York, as some men do to escape their enemies. He settled in Harlem's Little Italy and he made his abode in the basement of an old brick house. He had brought with him an Italian bulldog for protection. He kept this dog a prisoner day and night in the basement.

When his enemies learned he was here they decided to make short work of him. He was vigilant, and when they found that they could not attack him with safety on the streets they decided to visit his home at night and slay him as he slept. They forced a window in the rear of the basement and were about to enter when by the light of a lantern they discovered the dog. They realized at once the animal was an Italian bulldog and they hastened away in confusion. Fear of the animal caused them to spare the man's life for many months.

At last they decided they could no longer postpone their mission. One night when the Sicilian was drinking wine at the home of a friend a member of the gang visited the basement. He forced a window and stepped inside, and as the dog came forward he slew him with a sawed-off rifle. He then sat patiently in a dark corner of the room and awaited the Sicilian's return. When the Sicilian entered just before daybreak he was shot to death. An hour later when Italian detectives visited the place and saw the dead dog and his master they had little difficulty in reconstructing the tragedy, for they knew an Italian bulldog when they saw one.

140 LASHES IS GIVEN 4 THIEVES

Three Convicted Highwaymen Get Forty Each in Delaware Prison.

Wilmington, Del., March 28.—At New Castle county workhouse today four negroes felt the sting of the Delaware whipping post law. Those whipped were Warner Lewis, convicted of larceny and sentenced to one year in prison and twenty lashes; Leonard Barrett, highway robbery, ten years and forty lashes; and John Richardson and Berace Archie, highway robbery, ten years and forty lashes each.

This total of 140 lashes was the largest imposed in this county in many years. The sentences of three of the culprits to forty lashes each was in accord with a law enacted by the present legislature in punishment for highway robbery.

The whippings were administered by Warden Plummer. The lashes were lightly applied, as a vigorous application of the nine-thonged "cat" would cut a man's back into ribbons. The backs of the victims were marked with slight discoloration, but only by occasional flinching did they give evidence of physical suffering.

The whippings were public and were witnessed by about a hundred persons.

John Burroughs, Famous Naturalist, Is Dead.

John Burroughs, naturalist of world renown, died Tuesday morning on a passenger train near Kingsville, Ohio, while en route to his home near Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The funeral will be held Sunday, the occasion of the 84th anniversary of his birth. The great naturalist and author of outdoor books had hoped to return to his country home—Riverby—to die, and his last words, uttered a few seconds before death unexpectedly claimed him, were: "How far are we from home?" Mr. Burroughs had spent the winter in California and was returning. About five weeks ago he underwent an operation for a preterrenal abscess. Serious heart and kidney complications set in, and he became so weak he decided he must hurry home if his wish to die amid the lordly hills and trees by the Hudson was to be realized.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having this day duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Daniel Covington, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the estate of the said Daniel Covington, deceased, to present them to the undersigned administrator, duly authenticated, on or before the 25th day of March, 1922, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right of recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate, will please make prompt settlement.

This March 23, 1921. ROBERT COVINGTON, Adm. of Daniel Covington, decd. John C. Sikes, Atty.

SUSTAINS BROKEN LEG FROM FALL OFF HORSE

Mr. Williams is Recovering From Injury in Charlotte Hospital—News From Goose Creek.

Indian Trail, R. F. D. No. 1, March 21.—The meeting night for the Mill Grove debating society has been changed from Friday to Saturday. The question for discussion at the next meeting, Saturday, April 2, is: "Resolved, That all schools in Union county should be consolidated." The affirmative will be upheld by Mr. J. Alonzo Dixon, and the negative by Mr. G. C. Lemmond. Others will speak for both sides.

A heavy wind storm visited this section Monday.

Messrs. Carl Hill, John Dixon and Brady Williams, all of Goose Creek township, have planted their corn.

Mr. Gerthy Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Williams, sustained a broken leg the other day when he was thrown from a horse. He was carried to a Charlotte hospital for treatment.

Miss Hazel Furr was the guest of Miss Kate Helms, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lula Helms of Unionville was a recent visitor in this section.

Miss Pearl Hill has returned home from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Mint Hill.

Messrs. W. I. Dixon, of Charlotte, and Alonzo Dixon and Roy Simpson north a nice bunch of fish out of North Creek the other day.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Haywood, of High Point, are here for a short vacation.

Miss Lola Williams and Messrs. Cyrus and Brady Williams spent Sunday in Charlotte with Mr. Gerthy Williams who is receiving hospital treatment for a broken leg.

Messrs. David Furr and son, Mr. Sanford Furr, motored to Charlotte Sunday.

Messrs. Bob, Bud, Dade and Mack Simpson and Jas. T. Hill, all of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with home-folks.

Mr. Charlie Ford will conduct services at Mill Grove Methodist church Sunday evening at early candle-light.

Mr. Roy Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Helms, and Miss Flora Pressley, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pressley, both of Goose Creek township, surprised their many friends by getting married recently. Rev. E. C. Snyder, of Monroe, performed the ceremony.

Mr. Jesse Rowell has enlisted in the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Rowell have moved from this community to a farm in Vance township, much to the regret of their many friends.

Mr. Zeb Pressley has been confined to his bed for over three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Howie of Monroe are the guests of relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Furr of Charlotte were guests here last week at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Furr.

Many of the farmers wives planted beans here last week.

Mr. Frank Stegall has been suffering for a month and a half with a cut foot, having been unable to do any work during this time.

Germany thinks she can't pay the indemnity. For that matter, she thought she couldn't be licked.—Dayton News.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL.

To All Property Owners Take Notice:

You are hereby notified that the governing body of the City of Monroe has completed the assessment roll for the local improvement made on East Windsor Street from its intersection with the Wadesboro Road to the intersection of Lee Street, and are furthermore notified that the Board of Aldermen, which is the governing body of the City of Monroe, will meet on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1921, at seven-thirty o'clock p. m., in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Monroe, for the purpose of hearing of allegations and objections in respect to said special assessments.

You are furthermore notified that the assessment roll has been completed and is now deposited in the office of J. H. Boyte, Clerk of the City of Monroe, for the inspection of all parties interested.

This the 24th day of March, 1921. J. H. BOYTE, City Clerk of the City of Monroe, N. C. JOHN C. SIKES, Mayor.

NOTICE OF CITY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Notice is hereby given that a primary for the nomination of a Mayor and five Aldermen for the City of Monroe will be held at the courthouse in Monroe, N. C., on the 16th day of April, 1921, in which all registered democratic voters of the city are invited to participate. All voters will be allowed one vote for Mayor and one for Aldermen in the ward in which they live. Hours for said primary will be from 8 o'clock a. m. until 7 o'clock p. m. In case a second primary is necessary it will be held at the same place and between the same hours on Saturday the 23rd day of April, 1921. All persons desiring to become candidates in this primary must notify the undersigned at least five days before the first primary. All candidates for mayor are assessed the sum of two dollars, and all candidates for aldermen are assessed the sum of one dollar to pay the expenses of said primary payable to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of April, 1921. C. S. LEE, Jr., Secretary City Democratic Executive Com.

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For Alderman, Fifth Ward. I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman from the fifth ward, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. W. FOWLER.

For Alderman from Ward One. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward one subject to the action of the Democratic primary. W. J. TRULL.

For Alderman from Ward Two. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward two subject to the action of the Democratic primary. P. HAYNE JOHNSON.

For Alderman Ward Four. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward four, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. DUNHAM BUNDY.

For Alderman Ward Four. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward four, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. E. G. FAUST.

For Mayor. I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Mayor of the City of Monroe, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. C. M. VANN.

For Mayor. I hereby announce myself a candidate for mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. D. McRAE.

For Alderman From Ward One. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from Ward 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. LEE BROOM.

For Alderman Fourth Ward. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from the fourth ward, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. V. H. WOOD.

For Alderman Fourth Ward. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from the fourth ward, subject to the Democratic primary. W. E. FUNDERBURK.

For Mayor. I hereby announce myself a candidate for mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. T. FRANK LIMERICK.

For Alderman Ward Three. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward three, subject to the Democratic primary. J. T. SHUTE.

For Alderman, Ward Three. I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as alderman from the third ward, subject to the action of the democratic primary. J. B. SIMPSON.

For Alderman From Ward One. I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as alderman from ward one, subject to the action of the democratic primary. W. F. LEMMOND.

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