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SLAVE INSURRECTIONARY MOVEMENTS.

[From the Memphis News of Nov. 29.]

A few weeks ago the people of this section were startled by what were supposed to be authentic rumors of insurrection plots. This was the case in various other portions of the South. Not long since a number of prominent citizens of New Madrid county, Missouri, called a meeting for the purpose of determining the best course to be adopted to suppress a supposed insurrection on the negroes in that and the adjoining counties. This movement was put on foot after information had been received that the negroes of that county, together with those of Union county, Tennessee, had concerted, and were meditating a general insurrection, to take place about the 25th of December.

A few weeks ago a man named Hancock was arrested in Union county, Arkansas, on suspicion of being engaged in trying to incite the slaves to insurrection. He made some confessions, and was ultimately found guilty, but was not, however, by regular process. He was not found guilty on the trial, but subsequently said he knew all about it, but would not tell. This so astonished the people, as we learn from the *Chalmers* (La.) Advocate, that they seized him, and being then convinced of his guilt, shot him in the woods. A man by the name of Martin was tried at El Dorado on a similar charge, convicted, and hanged. There was to be a general concentration of about three hundred negroes at a given point, led on by Hancock and several others. The town of El Dorado was to be attacked, its inhabitants murdered, and money and provisions obtained by force. The excitement extended down into Louisiana, and all planters examined their negroes, but they discovered nothing to implicate anyone.

From the *Somerville* (La.) Star of Nov. 29th.

Some weeks ago, during the insurrection excitement, we announced that twenty-three negroes had been incarcerated by the Sheriff. Afterwards, upon trial, of his own accord, several of them were taken out, whipped, and taken home, and the remaining six were detained for trial. On last Monday three were brought out and tried before a regular municipal judge, and three Justices, who ordered that five of them should be whipped four times in two weeks, 39 lashes each time, and as a further punishment that they should stand in the pillory four times—an hour each time. The sixth one being an older man than the others, and for other considerations, also received ten lashes.

From the *Franklin* (La.) Journal of Nov. 27.

The negroes arrested in the parish of St. Martin, supposed to have been connected with an insurrectionary plot in that parish, have all been acquitted, except a few boys, who are now in jail. There were several white men, whom it was supposed had acted in concert with them, for whom a warrant was issued; and the duty of the sheriff of the parish came to this place on Saturday evening last, and accompanied by a posse, went in search of the fugitives, and below here, nearly opposite Pattersonville, took three of them from a flat-boat on their way, we understand, to the terminus of the railroad. It is supposed that one of the parties arrested—whose name we do not remember—occupied a very conspicuous place in the movement of insurrection, having furnished the negroes with ammunition and arms. The free boy, and at least one of the white men, will suffer death for the part taken in the matter; and the Mr. Capebeque, who bears an unquestionable reputation in this section for his out-creances, and while residing here, should be very summarily dealt with. He is a very dangerous character, and has no doubt done much to aggravate the present feeling among the colored population.

Our little town is up in arms at the present writing. "The negroes are gathering upon us," is heard from every mouth. This morning several messengers arrived from Louisiana, a small town, eighteen miles south of Hopkinsville, calling on the citizens of this place to come to their assistance. They were impatiently expecting an attack from about six hundred negroes, about 150 persons left immediately for "Camp of War." They were in command of Capt. James Jackson, and G. W. Wood, Hopkinsville, is strongly fortified. We were written you agents to arrive. Would you please send us all communication has been cut off—the telegraph poles being cut down.

Accompanying the above is an extract from the *Hopkinsville Press*, which says:—"The negroes of Eclipse, Clark and Lancaster have united and are marching to this place when last heard of. Their intention is to relieve the negroes at Dover, then march to the *Ridings Mill*, then to *Bell Wood Furnace*, then through *Lafayette* to Hopkinsville and the Ohio river."

This statement, taken in connection with the fact that a regular captain for an insurrection had been detected at Clarksville, is truly alarming. We think, however, the account somewhat based on rumor and not altogether reliable.

It is high time that steps were being taken for our defense in case of an insurrection. We have not a stand of arms in the whole section of the country, and no organized military. We are requested by many of our best citizens to call a meeting of the citizens of the county, in this place, on Friday next, the 5th inst., to take immediate action upon this subject. Other questions of great importance relating to the slave-holder's interest will be presented to the meeting. Let every man attend.

"ALMOST ELEVEN YEARS OLD."

The following note was handed to one of the Secretaries of the American Board, at the late meeting at Newark:

Dear Sir—It may interest some to know that we have among the stockholders of the "Morning Star," in our Sabbath school, one who will be one hundred and eleven years of age on the 17th of November. She playfully calls herself almost eleven years old. During the siege of Yorktown, she was favorably noticed by Gen. Washington, for fearlessly exposing herself to danger, that she might relieve the wants of the weary and wounded. She now lives in health and vigor, and in a higher warfare, and participate in a more glorious conquest. Her great-grand grandfather, at so bold a share in the same series. She lives in Pennsylvania.

PAYING FOR HIS FUN.

We find the following in the *Mobil-Tribune*: "Some people will have their fun, cost what it may.

A Wedding "Lark"—A wedding took place here on Wednesday last, and the immediate parties interested refused to have their relations, who were residing in the city. Consequently, the neglected party, on the night of the marriage, took it into their heads to make a matter of revenge, or re-echoing the favors previously extended to them, to steal, or in other words, "make away" with the bride's cake, which was accomplished; but, however, they were accidentally caught in the act, and afterwards brought up before a magistrate, who fined them and put them under a bond for future good behavior. Yesterday they were arraigned before his Honor, who, after a full investigation of the case, fined the man who stole the cake \$50, which, according to the laws of the State, is not to be without a warrant, for it was done only in fun, and the bride's cake was not intended for the world. The cake was "passed around" in all due respect to the parties.

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