

## SEVERELY HANDLED

Anderson County Gets Much Free Advertising

## SENATOR TILLMAN TALKS

He Rightly Thinks That the Citizens of the Entire State Should Not Be Held to Account

The Philadelphia North American has in its issues of Monday and Tuesday inaugurated a crusade against the system of "slavery" which obtains in Anderson county. This was brought about by the recent occurrences which led to Judge Benet's charge to the grand jury to investigate the matter.

Mr. Geo. B. Prince of Anderson, a member of the general assembly and a very prominent lawyer, was in the city yesterday and stated that the grand jury is composed of men who will do their duty, and the people can rest assured that the conclusion reached will be proper finding.

Another gentleman recalled that over two years ago, Judge Gray presiding, the grand jury of Anderson had something of the kind called to its attention.

At the session of the general assembly (Sept. 23) of Newberry introduced a bill to provide for a constitutional amendment to increase the jurisdiction of magistrates in cases of violation of labor contracts.

Mr. Welling of Fairfield opposed the measure vehemently and exclaimed that in Anderson county a veritable system of slavery exists, that men are bought and sold as chattels.

This was indignantly denied by Mr. R. B. A. Robinson, and the two members of the general assembly nearly came to blows.

Mr. Welling's repeated charges prepared the legislature for the announcement not a week later, that Judge Benet had the case referred to him for attention by an anonymous letter and that he had given the grand jury instructions to investigate the matter.

The Philadelphia North American, after the court had ordered the investigation, sent a correspondent to Anderson and now claims to have made an "exposure." Half page illustrations fill up the front page of the paper and the Anderson "slave traffic" is depicted in phosphenescent colors.

There are columns upon columns of interviews with preachers and others and the staff correspondent, writing from Columbia, describes the conditions as he saw them when in Anderson.

Among the features of the "exposure" Messrs. were numerous interviews with the "slaves" themselves.

The following is the story of the Washington correspondent.

Washington, Feb. 25th.

The North American's exposure of the revival of slavery in South Carolina was read with amazement by congress.

That such a condition could exist in that part of the United States in this day was almost beyond the belief of senators and representatives, and they said the North American had done a public service in making the facts known.

The form of the contract which the negroes employed by the cotton planters are required to sign was perused with special interest. Wonder was expressed that South Carolina should have tolerated such a plot for a moment.

CAN CONGRESS INTERFERE?

On the question as to whether congress had a right to interfere, on the ground that it was in violation of the thirteenth amendment to the constitution, opinions differed.

A great many lawyers in congress refuse to give an affirmative opinion, declaring that the matter was too serious, but all agreed that, whether constitutional or not, the North American should continue its work by making the people familiar with the details of the criminal wrongs involved in the pernicious system.

The North American secured the following expressions from Representative Asbury C. Lister, of Belton, Anderson county, S. C.

"Yes, we sell negroes in South Carolina."

## MURDER AND SUICIDE

Dr. W. F. Aiken Shoots His Beautiful Wife, Then Himself

## A NEGRO BURNED

In the Street of Terre Haute, Indiana For

## KILLING A WHITE WOMAN.

Crowds of Men, Women and Children Witness the Barbarous Scene. No Attempt at Concealment

Punishment, swift and terrible was meted out Wednesday at Terre Haute, Indiana to George Ward, the Negro who murdered Miss Ida Kinkelstein, the school teacher, by shooting her with a shotgun and cutting her throat Tuesday afternoon. A few hours after his arrest an angry mob battered down the doors of the jail, dragged the prisoner to the Wash bridge, several quips away and hanged him to the bridge cross. No attempt was made to hang the crowd out the corpse down, and laying it on a sandbar under the bridge, kindled a fire and cremated the remains. It was the first lynching that Terre Haute ever experienced.

Ward was arrested at 10 o'clock at the oar works, where he was employed as a laborer, and after being fully identified by two citizens, made a confession. His only excuse for the murder was that he was drunk. He was called him a "dirty nigger" and slapped him in the face. Sheriff Fasig communicated with Gov. Darbin, but the mob accomplished its work before the militia could be ordered out.

The government of Terre Haute, Thomas of Co. B, to place his company fully armed in readiness for duty. At noon the crowd outside the jail, numbering several hundred, including men, women and boys battered down the iron doors, but were driven back by the sheriff's posse. A mob of men, armed with shotguns and revolvers, fired over the heads of the mob. Deputy Sheriffs Cooper, Hestick and Leforge were struck by scattering shot and slightly injured, but nobody in the crowd was hurt. A detail of police was called out to disperse the crowd.

At 12:35 o'clock another mob gathered down the outer doors of the jail securing possession of the keys and entering the cell room. The side door was opened for the rest of the crowd. The cell was quickly opened and Ward was dragged out across the street by the desperate ferocity of a mob.

He was dragged out with all his strength, but a blow from a heavy hammer felled him to the ground. A noise was quickly adjusted to his neck by the rope, and he was hauled toward the Wash bridge. The feeble resistance made by the wretched creature after that blow with the hammer was soon quelled by the savage blows of the mob. Face downward he was dragged through the street to the bridge and across the drawbridge. Many are of the opinion that the fellow was dead before the scene of the hanging was reached. However, the rope was thrown over the side to the upper beams and the body drawn up.

Then burning at the stake was agreed on unanimously, and a fire was quickly kindled on the bank of the river just south of the bridge. The body, bearing no sign of life, was thrown into the fire, and faggots were piled upon it. The stake was omitted. The body was in a horizontal position, the feet protruding at one end, the head at the other. The can of turpentine was poured on the eager flames. The combustible oils seemed to flow spontaneously toward the fire and the flames leaped high, while the body of the Negro was rapidly consumed. None of the mob attempted disguise.

When the body was taken down to be carried to the fire bridge west of the draw and carried across the east bank of the river and the bridge on the city side of the draw were crowded with thousands of men, women and children, gazing at the awful spectacle. With grim determination the mob fed the flames and watched the flash shiver to shivers and the bones crumble and burn.

Souvenir hunters were on hand in force, and fragments of the body are now scattered broadcast. One man, while the feet still protruded from the flames, drew \$1 for a toe from "the nigger's" foot. A venturesome youth, drawing a knife from his pocket, made a dash for the prize. He quickly amputated a toe, delivered the goods and got his money.

As the bones began to crumble and fall apart the fragments were taken down from the fire and carried across the draw. There was nothing left of the body except a small section of the trunk and the back of the head. Busy hands kept the burning faggots piled upon the roasting segments. Women came to look on with interest. At about 2:30 o'clock the barricade was removed and the crowd surrounded the fire.

Ward was 27 years old, and leaves a widow and two children. He came here four years ago, from Circleville, O. The statement that he was one time in an insane asylum is denied by his brother-in-law, a venturesome youth, for jealousy. The leaders of the mob are unknown, and as public sentiment upholds the lynching, no prosecutions are expected.

A Mystery of Verdi's Will.

Verdi's will, says the London Chronicle, contains one very curious item. His residuary legatee is his niece, Maria Verdi, who is married to Signor Carrara.

To the infant asylums and the hospital for the blind in Genoa he bequeathed \$1,000. Large sums are also left to the charitable institutions and the poor of his native village, Roncole, and also to those of Bousseto, where he lived for many years. Then comes the following request: "In the dining room of my villa, St. Agata, will be found two large wooden boxes of great antiquity. I desire that neither shall be opened, but that both be burned immediately after my obsequies." It is presumed that the two mysterious boxes contained manuscripts of unpublished operas which the master did not wish to see the light.

## CHANGE IN LORD CAMPBELL ACT

Granting Exemplary Damages in Case of Death by Accident

## THE HATED OF FOREIGNERS MAY LAST

A Long Time

## STIR UP CHINESE IRE

According to the opinion of Sir Chih Chen Lohfengluh, Chinese minister in London, anti-foreign sentiment will trouble China long after the present troubles are settled.

## THE FREE PASS RECORD

How the Members of the House Voted On It

## EVIDENTLY A GRANK

A Man Visits Charleston Who Is Certainly Off

## ONLY ONE ESCAPED

Thirty-five Men Die in a Coal Mine Fire.

## A HORRIBLE HOLOGAUST.

Men Suddenly Found Themselves Shut off from Life by a Wall of Raging Flames.

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

What Changes Were Made at the Recent Legislative Session.

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