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A BRUTAL MURDER.

From the evidence that has reached us the shooting of the negro, Mark Smith, near Abbeville Saturday evening, was a dastardly crime, conceived in infamy and executed in cowardice. In addition it was so absolutely witless.

When will certain elements among the white people of the South realize that lynchings and murders react against the interest of the white people and not against the negroes?

We cannot understand the reason, if there is a reason, back of such a brutal crime. It is merely the lust for blood? Is it revenge? Is it a display of the white man's superiority over the negro? Is it contempt for the law?

We are unable to go back to the cause, but we do know that the murder is an insult to the citizens of Abbeville County, a blow at our laws, an affront to the jury that freed Smith, when he was tried here recently, a blot upon civilization, and we are unwilling to believe that our people will be satisfied with anything less than a sweeping investigation of the affair, the apprehension of the guilty men and their punishment to the fullest extent.

Abandoning State Rights.

In Abbeville County, some time ago a white deputy sheriff was shot, not killed, by a negro, whose house he was searching. The negro, badly scared, ran away, was arrested, brought from Washington, D. C., tried before a white judge, prosecuted by a white solicitor, defended by a white lawyer and acquitted by a white jury. After this the negro went about his business.

Yesterday, a dispatch from Abbeville related that this negro, Mark Smith, while going to his home, was "held up and shot to death" by a party of men in an automobile. That is the story told by the wife and the mother of Smith who were with him when he was slaughtered.

If the presumption be just that the slaying of this man was connected with the affair between him and the deputy sheriff, the question is raised, Who rules in Abbeville?

A "party of men in an automobile," or the Abbeville County court and jury?

If Mark Smith was killed because a jury of white men in Abbeville County acquitted him the blow was aimed at the white people in Abbeville County.

Why was it not aimed at the members of the jury?

If Mark Smith was guilty of crime when he shot the deputy sheriff, and was proved guilty, the jurors who acquitted him share in his guilt. Why has the party of 'avengers' refrained from attacking them?

This homicide in Abbeville will be investigated. Whether it will result in conviction of Smith's slayers or not, we do not predict—but a result it will have. It will be a part of the evidence to be adduced in an indictment against Abbeville County and South Carolina. Laws to fit crimes of this character in the United States are going to be made and enforced by the people of the United States, if the States fail to enforce the laws that they have.

What The State can not forbear asking, when the news of a crime of this kind comes to it, is:

Why should white men be simpletons?

Do they not know that "the Ten Commandments will not budge?"

Do they not know that on them the

laws of this country are founded?

Why should any party of men be such fools as to disarm those who believe in the rights of the State, of South Carolina, to govern itself?

We believe in "State rights." We believe in them perhaps more strongly than do most men.

There is no State right that permits citizens to take the law in their hands, repudiate their juries and kill men.

If the State abandon its right to do justice and to protect its citizens, the Republic will take it up.

This killing seems to have been a murderous assault on the courts. If the presumption be established that Mark Smith was shot to death on account of the shooting of the deputy sheriff some months ago, it could not have been better calculated and more cunningly arranged in support of the design to take the trial for certain crimes out of the hands of the State and place them in the federal courts than if it had been instigated by those persons of other States who distrust and despise the rights of the State.

When, in the contemplation of these things the threat is heard in Washington to deprive South Carolina of certain rights, what is left to a newspaper defending State rights to say?

Are we expected to defend a State right that our people spit on?—The State.

Job For Bill Greene.

If Bill Greene, of Abbeville will run up to Spartanburg some Saturday, we will show how he can add something to the teeming industries of his native town and make some money by starting a place to wash automobiles at a dollar per and make them look as good as new.—Spartanburg Journal.

MISS PERRIN ENTERTAINS.

Miss Mary Perrin gave a party Saturday afternoon to Miss Eliza Mabry. This was the last of a series of charming entertainments given in honor of the bride and was one of the most delightful of all the parties. There were twenty-four guests and the time was spent in playing rook.

Green and white was the color scheme and was carried out in the refreshments, green and white heart shape cake and mint, with cream was served.

The bride was presented with a dainty pink tea jacket as a souvenir.

BIRTHS.

Born—In Abbeville, June 4, 1919, to Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Corbett, a son, H. D. Corbett, Jr.

GIVES SCHOLARSHIP.

In memory of his wife, whose death from pneumonia last fall cast a deep gloom over the entire city and county, where she had hundreds of friends, Dr. J. R. Young has given a scholarship to Due West Woman's College.

A sufficient sum of money has been set aside to allow the interest to equal the tuition of the school alumni association of Due West to select the girl to enjoy the benefit of Dr. Young's gift.

The endowment will be known as the Jennie Linn Moffatt Young scholarship and will be a lasting memorial to one of Anderson's finest women.—Anderson Daily Mail.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Reed Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Miller are celebrating this week the arrival of a son, the first child of this artist couple. The boy was born on Sunday, May 15, at the Nursery and Child's Hospital in New York City.—Musical American.

No Pensein For Father.

Florida has passed a law making school attendance compulsory for every child between seven and sixteen years of age. The children may be sent to private or public schools, but they must be sent to some school. One of the novel features of the law is the provision giving the mother of one child of school age a pension of \$25 the month and the mother of two children \$33 the month; for child number 1, \$25, and for child number 2, \$8. No provision is made giving pensions to fathers.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wilson of Statesville, N. C., spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Horton.

Misses Hannah and Carrie Cochran spent Saturday night and Sunday in Anderson with Misses Emma and Besse Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Link and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Snipe of Winder, Ga., leave today for a trip to Asheville and Hendersonville, N. C.

Miss Janie Belle Pennal and Geo. P. Cannon went up to Belton Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ed Link.

Miss Grace Smith and Mr. J. Allen Smith, Jr., have returned from Tate Springs. Mr. H. G. Smith has gone on to Baltimore in further search of health.

Miss Helen Smith is at home from Whithrop and will spend her vacation among us which is delightful news to her many friends.

MRS. WHITE ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. T. Gordon White's party given in honor of Miss Eliza Mabry Friday afternoon was a most pleasant affair. The house was elaborately decorated in white and yellow, daisies being used with charming effect.

Punch was served on the porch by Misses Mary and Jense White and Miss Helen Milford. There were eight tables of players and rook was the game enjoyed. Refreshments of cream and cake was served.

Mrs. Thos. C. Perrin of Spartanburg, and Miss Maggie Latimer were visitors from a distance.

A MORNING PARTY.

Mrs. Herbert Allen entertained at a delightful morning bridge party Saturday at her home on Chestnut Street. There were four tables of players. A luncheon of salads and tea was served at the close of the games. The guests of honor were Miss Maggie Latimer and Misses Jennie and Mary Allen of Greenville.

MISS LYNCH LEAVES US.

Miss Johnnie May Lynch is leaving today for her home in Saluda, after a successful year of teaching in the High School at Abbeville. Miss Lynch will return to Abbeville next fall which is good news to all who are interested in the welfare of the school. She will spend the summer in Asheville.

MR. GULLEDGE HOME.

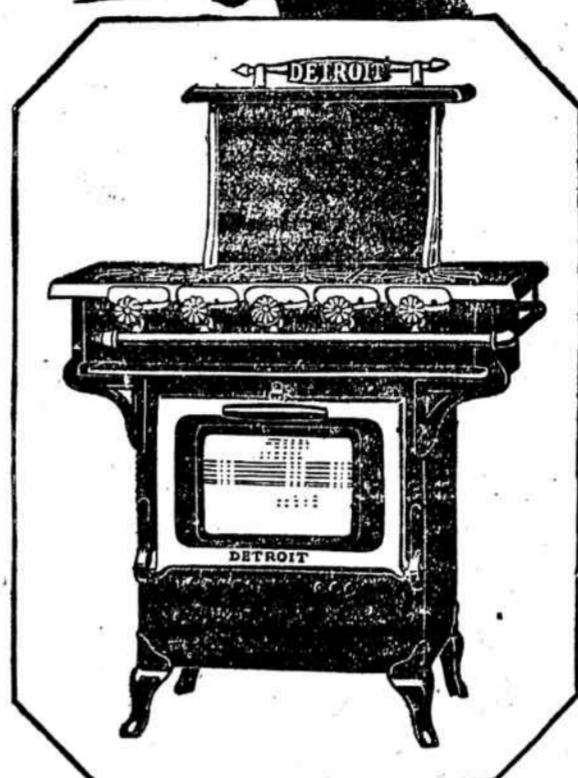
J. M. Gullidge is at home after a month spent in Columbus, Ohio, where he went to attend the meeting of the National Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. There were nine hundred and sixty-six delegates in attendance and their meetings were held in Memorial Hall. There were many visitors and aside from the business of the convention, there were many social attentions shown them and side trips arranged for their pleasure.

WANTS

FOR SALE—Refrigerator, capacity 50 lbs. Good condition. Phone 352, MRS. RICHARD HILL. 6-10-3t.

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DUE WEST LAND FOR SALE.

I am offering for sale the Dr. McDavid place, containing 80 Acres, lying on the road from Due West to Donalds, and within a few hundred yards of a stop on the Due West railroad. For sale to wind up the estate. I will be in Due West next Friday, the 6th of June. Anyone interested can write me or meet me there on that day.
 6-3-1t. E. R. HORTON.

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