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J. Pink Bouknight Was Shot to Death.

J. Pink Bouknight, aged 52 years, was shot and killed by Will Collins, a negro, in the Dutch Fork section of ths county at about 1 o'clock last Tuesday morning. In the last issue of The Dispatch it was stated that Mr. Bouknight had died suddenly at his home.

It seems from what can be gathered that Will Collins was thought to have been the person who set fire to the barn and stables of Mr. Joel Fulmer a few weeks ago, and instead of allowing the law to take its course, a party was made up to visit the home of the negro. Arriving at the home of Collins, the negro was repeatedly asked to come out, and upon refusing to do so it was decided to break in through the window and J. P. Bouknight headed the way. When he had gotten into the window he was fired upon by the negro, the entire load from a shotgun taking effect in the upper part of the stomach.

The negro is said to have rushed out through the same window in his night clothes. He was fired upon by the posse as he ran off in the darkness, and while it is stated by the officers that Collins escaped and is still alive, it is generally believed that he was lynched and his body thrown into the river. Collins' wife escaped without injury, but one of her children was shot in the back.

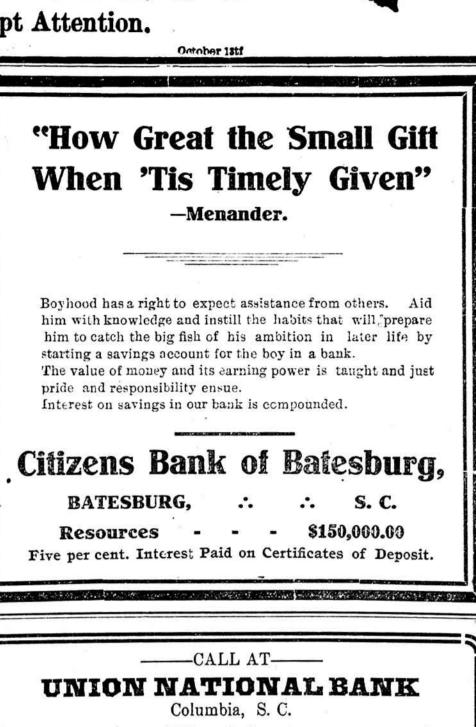
Mr. Bouknight was hurriedly carried to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Fulmer, where a conveyance was secured to carry him to his home, but he expired on the road after the most intense suffering.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The June term of the court of general sessions for Lexington county convened on Monday morning with Judge George E. Prince, of Anderson, presiding. Clerk of Court Frank W. Shealy had everything in readiness, and Solicitor Timmerman, Stenographer Anderson, Sheriff Corley and the other officers of the court were at their respective posts of duty.

For one hour and a half Judge Prince addressed the grand jury. His was perhaps the ablest charge delivered before a Lexington jury in many years, covering as it did, every phase of a grand jurors duty. He urged a thorough investigation into the affairs of the county-a thorough examination of the county offices. He urged that a better salary be paid the county supervisor and county superintendent of education. These two offices, he said, should be filled by the best men in the county-the best equipped men for the performance of the several duties of these officers. He stressed the importance of securing good teachers for our schools-teachers who have the ability, the back-bone and the moral and physical courage to do their duty. Judge Prince declared that no teacher should have the right to enter the school room unless he or she has been divinely called. Teaching, like other callings, is an art, he said, and only those who have been

thus endowed should be employed. Judge Prince said that he greatly deplored the terrible tragedy which took place in the Dutch Fork a week ago-the tragedy in which Mr. J. P. Bouknight lost his life. "I want you, gentlemen, to investigate this killing; I want you to find out if possible who was with this man at the time he was killed, ascertain if the party had a legal warrant for the negro. If they did not every man composing that party of 'white caps' is guilty of an illegal act and it is your duty to present them to this court." Judge Prince stated that this tragedy was most uncalled for. "This is a white man's country," said Judge Prince, "and the negro will never be empowered with the administration of our laws." The first case called for trial was that of the State against Lewis Hammond, a one-eyed negro, for obtaining goods under false pretence, the property in question being a mule. He was found guilty and sentenced by the court Isaac James, a negro, was tried upon the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, the alleged crime having been committed in the Swansea section. James was acquitted. Jake Gadsden, a negro, was tried and convicted on the charge of arson, it having been alleged that he burned a residence of Mr. Avant in Brookland several months ago. He was recommended to the mercy of the court and will, therefore, go to the penitentiary for life. The grand jury returned the following true bills: Lewis Hammond, obtaining goods under false pretence; Eugene Merritt, assault and battery; Isaiah James, assault and battery; Press Franklin, assault and battery, with intent to kill, carrying concealed weapons and resisting an officer, etc.; Thomas Dreher, assault and battery; Pinky Culpepper, murder; Will Rowe, murder; Isaiah Dreher, assault and battery, (no bill); Jake Gadsden, arson; Wash Rawl, arson; W. Westmoreland, adultery; Julius Wingard, malicious mischief.



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Magistrate Wallace E. Lorick, of Irmo, conducted an inquest over the body of Mr. Bouknight, the verdict of the jury being that the deceased came to his death by a gunshot wound in the hands of parties unknown to the jury.

The remains of Mr. Bouknight were laid to rest in the silent city of the dead at Shady Grove church on Wednesday afternoon.

The deceased leaves a wife and a large family of children.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

The state convention of the Rural Carriers association will meet in Florence the 3d and 4th of July.

The asylum commission at their meeting in Columbia on Friday eleced F. B. Ware of New York architect for the new building.

Six small children were bitten at Mullins, Marion county, on Tuesday by a pet bull dog. The head was sent to the Pasteur institute in Columbia, and experts pronounced it probable hydrophobia, and several of the children have been sent to the institute for treatment.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Sophia Tillman to Henry Wise Hughes at Trenton the 28th. Miss Tillman is a daughter of the United States senator.

Bacchus Horlbec, colored, a Charleston county negro who has been in the penitentiary since 1897 on life sentence for murder, was pardoned on Friday by the governor.

Several Columbians felt a slight earthquake about 3 o'clock on Friday. The city council of Columbia have refused an offer of \$70,000 for the city hall and opera house property, made to them by the McCreery-Pressley company of that city.

John Johnson, colored, was run over and killed by the Augusta-Aiken trolley near Aiken on Saturday night "while in a drunken sleep."

Benj. F. Fuller, an employe of the Woodside mills, Greenville, was ruover and killed on Friday night b train or the Southern. The acco said he was "strongly addicted drink and probably wandered on railway track."

The graduating class of Oler numbered 87, as follows: For metallurgy; 13 in the textile den ment; eight in civil engineering in mechanical and electrical engiing and 44 in agriculture The petit jurors were excused from a further attendance at 10 o'clock tcday. Grand jury <u>still</u> in session. BANK BY MAIL:

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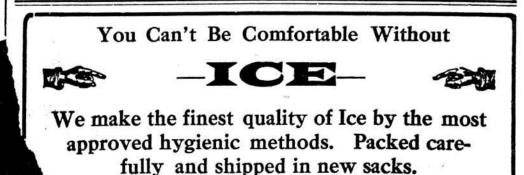
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