

## HORRIBLE CRIME FOILED.

JOHN RUFUS TURNER ATTEMPTS CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

Little Daughter of Hon. S. G. Mayfield, of Denmark, the Victim. Threats of Lynching.

Our people were stirred this week as never before, and there is no doubt in our mind that had Turner not been carried to Columbia, he would have been summarily dealt with. Monday night Mr. Mayfield called the writer on the phone and asked him to inform the sheriff and others that a crowd of men were coming to Bamberg to handle Turner, but we informed him that the man had never been carried to Columbia, so of course the men did not come. Mr. Mayfield had by earnest efforts dispersed one crowd, but another crowd had started.

The full story of the horrible affair is given below, and is the account given by the correspondents of the News and Courier at this place and Denmark:

No little excitement was created in Bamberg last Monday morning when it was learned that a dastardly outrage had been attempted at Denmark upon the person of the little eight-year-old daughter of ex-Senator S. G. Mayfield by a white man named John Rufus Turner. Turner is said to be a worthless, drunken fellow who for years has been befriended and largely supported by Senator Mayfield.

The outrage was attempted Sunday afternoon in a commissary building only a short distance from the Mayfield residence, and it was the screams of the child that brought her father to her rescue in time to save her from serious bodily harm and probable death.

TURNER SEVERELY BEATEN. When Senator Mayfield reached the scene he pounced upon Turner and beat him into insensibility, supposing at the time that he had killed him, but Turner afterwards regained consciousness and Mr. Mayfield decided to spare his life on condition that he leave at once never to return.

This Turner agreed to do, but Monday morning it was learned that Turner had not yet left, and Mr. Mayfield ran him down and proceeded again to beat him, but he was persuaded to desist in time to save Turner's life. A warrant was sworn out before Magistrate Walker, and Turner was hurried to Bamberg and placed in charge of Sheriff Hunter.

RACED PRISONER TO BAMBERG. The news of the attempted outrage had spread over the quiet village of Denmark and the passions of the citizens were aroused. Threats of lynching were heard on every street corner, and Magistrate Walker, in order to prevent it, deputized two extra constables to accompany his constable, D. K. Ray, and assist him in conveying the prisoner to Bamberg. Ray had already left with his prisoner, and, seeing the others behind him in a buggy armed with shotguns, he supposed they were lynchmen in pursuit of his prisoner. He put whip to his horse and when he arrived here his steed was foaming and panting, and his assistants were still in hot pursuit. As soon as he arrived he told the sheriff that lynchmen were pursuing him, but when they arrived explanations followed and all was serene.

THE GOVERNOR NOTIFIED. Turner was placed in jail and Sheriff Hunter promptly notified the governor. The governor told him to protect his prisoner at all hazards, and to send him to Columbia to be placed in the penitentiary for safe keeping. This was done and the prisoner left Bamberg Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock by way of Branchville for Columbia in charge of Constables Simms Hunter and H. N. Bellingier. The affair was kept so quiet that few persons in Bamberg knew that the prisoner had been brought to Bamberg until after he had left on the evening train.

SENATOR MAYFIELD COMMENDED. Senator Mayfield is highly commended for his coolness and mercy, and all the officers deserve credit for the admirable manner in which they managed the case. Under the severest provocation Bamberg county has been spared a lynching, but if the prisoner had been kept in Bamberg there is no telling what might have happened.

THE STORY FROM DENMARK. Another Account of the Attempted Outrage.

DENMARK, January 14.—The correspondent of The News and Courier called upon Mr. Mayfield this afternoon in order to obtain from him a statement relative to the attempted assault committed upon his six-year-old daughter Sunday afternoon by J. R. Turner, a white man about 40 years of age.

Turner was seen Sunday afternoon playing with the little girl around the back door steps, and after they had been together for some time Turner picked the little girl up in his arms and carried her to his room, a short distance away.

In a short while Mr. Mayfield heard the little girl screaming, and rushing to Turner's room found him attempting to commit criminal assault upon the child.

Mr. Mayfield was, of course, infuriated. He lost control of himself for the moment. He rushed upon Turner, and beat him most severely. He would, no doubt, have killed him had not the thought of murder deterred him.

After having thrashed him, Mr. Mayfield agreed to allow Turner to leave the State and never return. Turner agreed to this proposition only too gladly. This morning Mr. Mayfield saw Turner

in Denmark. He again flogged him, and only desisted when friends intervened. A warrant was sworn out, a preliminary examination held before Magistrate Walker, and Turner was committed to jail at Bamberg.

It was a usual thing for Turner to be about the house, and when he was seen Sunday afternoon no particular attention was paid him.

Feeling is running high tonight and there is persistent talk of lynching. Mr. Mayfield is doing all in his power to have law and order prevail. It was learned tonight that Turner was being taken to Columbia for safe-keeping.

Turner is about 40 years of age and unmarried. He comes of a good family, but is said to be a drunkard and has had no social standing himself.

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### Personal Mention.

—Mr. G. O. Mather, of Govan, was in the city Monday.

—Mrs. W. B. Moore, of Bishopville, is visiting Mrs. W. P. Jones.

—Mr. W. Hampton Dukes, of Orangeburg, was in the city Tuesday.

—Mr. J. L. Cothran, of the Ehrhardt section, was in the city Monday.

—Mr. Thomas Clayton, of the Colston section, was in the city Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Emory A. Hooton, of Augusta, are on a visit to relatives in the city.

—Mr. T. D. Beard, of the Colston section, was in the city last Friday and called to see us.

—Messrs. C. E. Walker and Isaac W. Carter, from the Ehrhardt section, were in the city Tuesday.

—Miss Carrie Ray, of the Salem section, spent last week with her cousin, Miss Mary Matheny.

—Mrs. J. P. Matheny and her mother, Mrs. M. J. Boyd, left Atlanta yesterday for Blackwell, Oklahoma.

—Mr. W. H. Adams, who has been on a visit to his father, Mr. H. W. Adams, left last week for his home in Texas.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Shealy and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Simmons left Tuesday night for Florida, where they will live in future.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Fickling, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fickling and little Miss Sarah, spent last Sunday with Mrs. T. G. Fickling's sister, Mrs. D. R. Matheny.

—Mrs. E. A. Matheny and daughter, Mrs. J. P. O'Neill, and her daughter, Mrs. F. G. Giles, and Master Forrest, of Blackville, visited Mrs. Matheny's son, D. R. Matheny, last week.

That's the house the Doctor built, The biggest house you see; Thank goodness he don't get our money, For we take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. H. F. Hoover.

### A Literary Prize.

The largest amount ever offered as a prize for a literary contribution is 1,500,000 rubles, which is still open for competition and will be awarded at St. Petersburg on Dec. 1, 1925, to the writer of the best history of Alexander I. of Russia. Arakchelef, founder of the military colonies of Novgorod, left a fortune of 50,000 gold rubles to provide for this unique prize. The prize giving day is the centenary of the Czar Alexander's death, by which time the money will, it is estimated, have increased to 2,000,000 rubles. One-fourth of it will be used to defray the cost of publishing the work which wins the prize.

### At Which Age?

An amusing discussion recently took place between an artist and an author as to which period of her life a woman was the most fascinating. According to the artist a woman should not be painted between the ages of twenty-five and forty, as she was in the greatest transition period of her life. The author, on the other hand, declares that she is at the height of her fascination and beauty between the ages of thirty and forty. The question is still unsettled.—Bremen Zeitung.

### Sea Snakes.

Sea snakes are very plentiful in the south Pacific. They are widely distributed, stray individuals having been secured on the coast of New Zealand. When swimming close to the surface they exactly resemble an ordinary snake, except that the head is always below water. At night they come ashore and lie among the rocks. They feed on fish and, although their small double fangs appear harmless, they are reported to be very venomous.

### Clean Young Men.

There are plenty of bright young men in the country whose hands have not been soiled by the dirt of latter day politics. It will be a good thing for the state and for the nation to have them come forward and take an active part in public affairs. It will be a good thing for any party that recognizes them and gives them proper encouragement.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

### End of the Honeymoon.

"Finished your honeymoon yet?" "I don't know. I have never been able to determine the exact meaning of the word honeymoon." "Well, then, has your wife commenced to do the cooking yet?"—Houston Post.

Folly often goes beyond her bounds, but impudence knows none.—Ben Jonson.

## WILD MAN IN DARLINGTON.

Man Named Freeman Arms Himself With a Gun.

DARLINGTON, January 13.—Messrs. J. W. Goodson and S. W. Byrd, of the New Providence section of this county, came to Darlington this morning and reported to the Probate Judge that Jim Freeman, a white man of that section, was crazy and terrorizing the inhabitants of the community.

Freeman has been working at a saw mill up there, but on Friday he announced that he was going to farm and that he had to have five mules and a saddle horse. He has no money and to secure the mules and horse he took his gun and proceeded to supply himself wherever he found them. His manner and conduct was that of a crazy man and he met with little opposition. He, however, did not confine himself to mules and the horses, but took other things also. His father, Ervin Freeman, was killed near Society Hill about eight or ten years ago, and he says that he will kill the slayer of his father if he finds him. The people in his neighborhood did not leave their homes for church today because of fear.

Sheriff Blackwell sent out to have him arrested during the day, but at nightfall nothing has been heard from the effort.

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### ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Office of County Auditor, Bamberg, S. C., December 11, 1906. The auditor or his deputy will be at the following places on the days and dates named below for the purpose of taking tax returns of personal property: Lees, Tuesday, January 8th, 1907. Denmark, Wednesday and Thursday, January 9th and 10th, 1907. Bamberg, Friday, Saturday, and Monday, January 11th, 12th, and 14th. Govan, Tuesday, January 15th. Olar, Wednesday and Thursday, January 16th and 17th. Bamberg, Friday, Saturday, and Monday, January 18th, 19th, and 21st. Ehrhardt, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 22nd and 23rd. St. John's Thursday, January 24th. Kears, Friday, January 25th. Bamberg, Saturday and Monday, January 26th and 28th. Farrell's Store, Tuesday, January 29th. Hunter's Chapel, Wednesday, January 30th. Colston, Thursday, January 31st. Bamberg, Friday, Saturday, and Monday, February 1st, 2nd, and 4th. At Bamberg until Wednesday, February 20th.

All male persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty are liable to a poll tax of one dollar, except those exempt by law. All taxpayers are requested to make their returns to me or my deputy in person. After the 20th of February a penalty of fifty per cent. will be added to all personal property not returned.

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