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Thursday, June 10, 1909

No, no, we have not gone back to the days of barbarism in South Carolina, as one would think to read of the murders and assassinations in this State recently.

There is still room in Bamberg for more good citizens. Those who are looking for a good town in which to locate would do well to investigate the advantages of Bamberg before making a choice.

It seems that we are developing a race of murderers and assassins in South Carolina in these piping times of peace. The number of people killed from ambush in the lower part of the State during the past year or so is a record like unto that of the mountain feuds of Kentucky.

Mr. W. W. Ball, who has been editorial writer on the News and Courier for several years, has left The Courier and gone on the staff of the Columbia State. Mr. Ball is one of the ablest newspaper men in the State, a cracking good all-round writer as well as a first-rate paragrapher, and is a fine fellow in every way.

It is pleasant to glance back at the record of Bamberg along the line of growth and progress for the past few years. New buildings, both business houses and residences, have been erected, new enterprises have been established, and electric light plant has been established by the city and water works will soon be installed.

This newspaper has given considerable space recently to the temperance people, who favor the voting out of the dispensary. We want it distinctly understood that we are not fighting the battles of anybody, and if the dispensary people want space for their side of the question, they can get it just as well as the prohibitionists.

FANNING'S SLAYER KNOWN.

White Man Suspected of Being Williston Farmer's Assassin.

Barnwell, June 7.—The slayer or slayers of Cleve Fanning, the Williston farmer, who was ambushed and instantly killed on Friday night, are still at large. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that "he came to his death at the hands of unknown parties," but it is the consensus of opinion that there is sufficient evidence to cause the arrest of a certain white man whom many believe to be the assassin.

Mr. Fanning was heard to remark just before leaving Williston for his home, that he was "afraid to go." Bad blood has existed between him and some parties in the neighborhood, and it is thought that he was expecting to be assassinated.

A MURDER NEAR DENMARK

MR. J. A. NIX SHOT AND KILLED BY ISADORE STEVENS.

Murder Was Unprovoked, Mr. Nix Being Shot in the Back—Posses After Negro.

On his way to Denmark, afoot, Mr. J. A. Nix, a substantial and highly respected farmer, of this county, residing about a mile and a half South of Denmark, was foully and brutally murdered Saturday morning last by Isadore Stevens, alias Hartzog, alias Nimmons, a mulatto negro farm hand. The murder occurred at a tenant house on Mr. Nix's farm, occupied by three negro women, share croppers and the murderer.

The story of one of the most atrocious assassinations in the annals of crime in this State, as told to a Herald representative by Mrs. J. A. Nix, the widow of the murdered man, who, with tears in her eyes, her whole body convulsed with sobs of grief, surrounded by her children making pitifully brave efforts to comfort their stricken mother, was pathetic in the extreme and is substantially as follows:

About seven o'clock Saturday morning Mr. Nix, having business to transact in Denmark, preferring to walk the short distance to town rather than stop a horse from work in the field, left his home strong, stalwart and cheerful, little dreaming that the pleasant "good-bye" waved to the wife and children would be the last on this earth.

At the turn of the road and just barely out of sight of his house stands the four-room cabin which he rented to the negroes together with land enough to make a nice crop. These negroes had been furnished with tools, provisions, stock and in fact everything necessary to work the land, and in fact, one of the women, afflicted with tuberculosis and unable to work, had been provided for by Mr. Nix, and in the kindness of his heart he had even furnished medicine and medical attendance.

On the fatal morning, upon reaching the cabin he found the two able-bodied negro women idling about the house at a time when they should have been in the field. Upon being taken to task for neglecting their work, it seems that one of the women, Julia Davis, cursed Mr. Nix, calling him several vile names. He very promptly slapped her down and turned to go. As he reached the front door, as if by prearrangement, the negro, Stevens, came up in the rear of the cabin, entered by the rear door, secured his pistol, and, without a word of warning, Mr. Nix being even unaware of his presence, fired two shots at Mr. Nix, both taking effect, one in the neck and one in the back. Mr. Nix fell from the front porch of the cabin, down the steps to the ground, where he expired almost immediately without ever regaining consciousness.

Another negro hand employed on the place and working nearby, hearing the shots and seeing Mr. Nix fall, ran to inform Mrs. Nix that her husband had been shot. Her first thought was to dispatch a messenger for the nearest doctor and then she sped down the road to the side of her dying husband, and pillowed within her arms he breathed his last within five short minutes of the time the first shot was fired.

Within an hour's time the entire community was aroused. Bamberg was appealed to for bloodhounds, and on foot and horseback an outraged and determined community assembled to search for the brute who had committed this damnable deed. At first, not knowing just exactly what direction the murderer had taken, small parties scattered in almost every direction and upon the arrival of the bloodhounds from Bamberg these were placed on the trail, but failed to carry it for any distance. After several hours had elapsed, word was sent to Denmark that Stevens had been seen about six miles from the Nix place, near Baxter's estate, in the community where he was reared. In the meantime bloodhounds from Columbia arrived on the midday train, having been telegraphed for when the Bamberg dogs failed to take the scent. Messengers were sent to round up the parties who were searching in other directions and as soon as they could be gotten together at the Baxter place the Columbia dogs took the trail and followed it to within two miles of Barnwell, where, at a negro cabin, they stopped, seeming baffled in their efforts to carry it further. The cabin was occupied by a negro woman, who at first upon being accused of harboring Stevens, finally admitted that she had hitched up a horse and buggy and had carried him several miles beyond Barnwell. This was early Sunday morning.

With jaded horses and practically worn out themselves from their all night pursuit the members of the searching party kept doggedly on, confident that they were only an hour or two behind the quarry. One of the party, it is said, traveling in advance of the rest, finally got within sight of the negro and at a distance of about 800 yards secured three shots at him with a Krag-Jorgensen army rifle, none of which, it is thought took effect owing to the great distance. Urging his worn and tired horse to greater speed in a desperate effort to overhaul the negro, only resulted in the animal giving entirely out, and at this juncture it was seen that without fresh animals further pursuit was impossible, the country of this section being very sparsely settled and no horses obtainable.

The negro Stevens, it seems, has been in trouble several times before, upon one occasion shooting and seriously wounding another negro. Upon their return to Denmark, members of the searching party were informed by several negroes that he had taken the same general direction in his efforts to escape this time as he did on the former occasion, his idea being to keep to the woods, skirting the Seaboard Air Line Railway, until he

reaches Savannah, where he has an uncle, who gave him refuge before.

All towns between Denmark and Savannah have been notified to be on the lookout for him as well as the police of Savannah. The mayor of Denmark has offered a reward of \$100.00 for his capture, and to this the governor of the State will doubtless add another hundred. The description of the criminal as given in the circular announcing the reward offered by Mayor W. S. Cooper is as follows:

"One hundred dollars reward will be paid for the arrest of Isadore Stevens, alias Isadore Nimmons, alias Isadore Hartzog. He is a ginger-cake colored negro, nineteen or twenty years old, five feet, five inches high, weight 140 pounds. Stammers in talking. Has black spot on left cheek. Wanted for murder. The above reward will be paid for his delivery to W. S. Cooper, Mayor, Denmark."

One of the saddest features in connection with the brutal murder of Mr. Nix, is the fact that after years of hard work and self-denial in an effort to give his children those advantages of education, which he himself had been denied, two of his daughters had just graduated from Winthrop College with honors, and just as his hopes and plans in regard to the welfare and future of his family were about to be realized, a pistol in the hands of an ignorant, half-breed negro, whose proper place was on the chaingang for the crimes he had previously committed, ended his earthly labors. A son sixteen years of age is left upon whom will devolve the duties of a father to the stricken family.

A peculiar and striking coincidence in connection with the crime as related by Mrs. Nix, is the fact that a clock which had been running for a long time without trouble was found to have stopped at exactly five minutes past seven on the morning of the murder, just at the time when word was brought that Mr. Nix had been shot.

It is only a matter of a few days, at the most, when the negro will be captured, as the whole countryside is aroused and the very moment that he touches a spot where the telegraph or telephone penetrates his taking is certain.

The body of Mr. Nix was interred in the old Salem burying ground Sunday afternoon, the funeral being one of the largest ever witnessed in this county.

Later.

A rumor gained circulation in Bamberg Tuesday morning to the effect that Stevens had been captured at Kline, a small station on the Southern Railway below Barnwell, but upon investigation proved to be without foundation.

Governor Ansel is keeping in touch with the situation by long distance telephone and insists that he be kept informed from time to time of the progress of the search. He has added another \$100.00 reward to that offered by Mayor Cooper, of Denmark, and on Tuesday telegraphed Magistrate Ray, at Denmark, as follows:

"If Isadore Stevens is arrested, do everything in your power to prevent violence and have him turned over to Sheriff Hunter."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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NOTICE TO LIQUOR DEALERS. Office of County Dispensary Board of Bamberg County.

Bamberg, S. C., June 2, 1909. Bids are hereby requested, in accordance with the terms of the Dispensary Law now in force, for the following kinds and quantities of liquors, beer, and other articles herein enumerated, to be furnished to the State of South Carolina for use of the County Dispensary Board of Bamberg County, to wit:

Fifty barrels Corn Whiskey, 90 proof, different grades. Fifty barrels Rye Whiskey, 90 proof, different grades. Five barrels Alcohol, 188 proof. Fifty barrels Gin, 90 proof, different grades.

Bids will also be received for Case Goods, including Rye, Corn and Scotch Whiskies, Brandy, Gin, Rum, Wines, Beers, Ales, and Porter. Also glass, corks and tinfoil, wire and other articles used for a County Dispensary.

All goods shall be furnished in compliance with and subject to the terms and conditions of the Dispensary Law of 1907, and bidders must observe the following rules:

1. The bids shall be sealed, and there shall be no sign or mark upon the envelope indicating the name of the bidder.

2. All bids must be sent by express or registered mail to Jno. F. Folk, County Treasurer for Bamberg County, at Bamberg, S. C., on or before 12 o'clock of Monday, the 5th day of July, 1909. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder on each kind, the Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids and any parts of bids. The Board reserves the right to increase or decrease the above quantities at the same price as the bids submitted.

3. All goods to be delivered f. o. b. Bamberg, S. C., freight prepaid. Terms, to be paid for within ninety days and subject to regauge at our warehouse. Also state discount for cash payment. Bids will be opened in the office of the County Dispensary Board at Bamberg, S. C. on Monday, July 5th, 1909.

E. C. HAYS, H. C. COPELAND, J. Z. BROOKER. County Dispensary Board for Bamberg County.

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