

One-Armed Negro Called From Home, Shot To Death; Special Session Of Grand Jury Called

RIVALS LANGE KILLING.

County Attorney J. T. Casey stated this morning that the men and their names known to him and the facts of the case will be given to the grand jury at the special session tomorrow morning. He says the killing of Buffin rivals the murder of Otto Lange at Somerville and he intends to use all efforts in his power to bring the murderers to trial.

The grand jury of Harrison county was called today to meet tomorrow morning in special session for the purpose of investigating the murder of Ike Buffin, a one-armed negro who was called from his home and shot to death Saturday night and also to investigate the killing of Joe McKnight, who was slashed to death last night in the eastern portion of the city. Another negro, J. P. Pole, is now in the county jail awaiting a hearing in the McKnight killing.

Called From Home by White Men.

The sheriff's office was notified early Sunday morning that Ike Buffin, a one-armed negro, who lives about five miles south of Waskom, on the Abney place on the Waskom and Elysian Fields road was called from his home Saturday night and shot to death with a double-barrel shotgun, two loads of buckshot being fired into his body.

It is stated that some white men drove up to Buffin's home and called him out of the house and bring a bucket of water that their car had bogged down in the mud down in the bottom and they wanted him to help them out.

Buffin told the men that he was undressed and could not go. They replied that being undressed made no difference, and to come on without dressing. Buffin came out into the yard to the gate, when the men caught hold of him, and when Buffin saw that he was going to be killed, he is said to have told the men he would rather be killed at home; and in reply received the two loads of buckshot in his body and died in a few minutes.

WASTE HUNDRED MILLION YEAR ON RED TAPE

I. C. C. REQUIRES USELESS REPORTS, RAIL EXPERT CLAIMS.

By the United Press.

CHICAGO, July 16.—American railroads would save \$100,000,000 a year if the Inter-state Commerce Commission would simplify reports it requires, according to Slason Thompson, railroad statistician.

Two million dollars weekly must go to pay for clerical hire, stationery, stamps and printing necessary to prepare useless and indigestible information that goes to clutter up pigeonholes in Washington," he said.

"The files and storerooms of the commission are bursting with details for which it has no use," Thompson continued, "and, if it had, eternity would be too short a period to provide an intelligent summary."

Railroad executives have been studying this problem for the last few years, and some of them agree with Thompson that they are being loaded down with armies of clerks. Others contend the railways need the information these clerks prepare.

Thompson's figures, prepared following a requested analysis a year ago, have caused great interest in the Railway Accounting Officers' Association.

From 1916 to 1921 clerical forces grew from 164,398 to 220,674, the increase of 56,276 being "nearly all surplus," according to Thompson. In twenty-five years the increase has been 44 per cent.

"The railways are long on statistics and short on facilities, equipment and dividends," Thompson said.