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## PREPARE TO MAKE COTTON DESPITE THE BOLL WEEVIL.

To aid you in doing this we have bought several cars of the Genuine Simpkin Cotton Seed of the crop of 1911, they being better than new seed. This variety needs no introduction, as they have been tried and are well known.

Send us your orders at once, as we cannot furnish any more of the 1911 crop after our present stock is exhausted. Subject to being unsold, we quote you as follows: 5 bushel lots, \$1.25 per bus., 10 bushel lots, \$1.15 per bus., 25 bushel lots, \$1.05 per bus., 50 bushel lots, 90 cents per bus.

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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

For the benefit of the general public and ours in particular we here state that under the management of the present editor, all Local Notices pertaining to business of any kind, will be charged for at the rate of One Cent per word for each insertion. Obituaries and Tributes, half a cent per word. Cash for all, in Advance.

Prof. P. F. Williams, head of the Department of Horticulture at Auburn died very suddenly in Ashville, N. C., on the 5th inst.

Governor O'Neal has appointed Mr. L. F. Hill to fill the vacancy in the Sheriff's office of Washington County caused by the death of Sheriff Lopez.

William G. Oakley has been given a life sentence for the murder of P. A. Wood, his step-father, which occurred in the Capital of Montgomery on October 31st.

According to the final statement of the National Committee, the contribution expenses to carry the election for Wilson and Marshall foot up the sum of \$1,159,446.00.

Capt. E. F. Sedgwick, of Wetumpka, State Examiner of Public Accounts, arrived here last Thursday night and is now going over the records of our county offices.

You will find the negroes everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Should the Democrats fail to get a Senator from Illinois or Tennessee, Vice-President Marshall's vote will require him to have a majority. The death of Senator Raynor a few weeks ago and the appointment of a Republican to fill the vacancy, brought about this condition.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever are contracted when the child is cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotics and may be given to a child with infinite confidence. For sale by all dealers.

The Washington County News of last week contained a record of two cases of shooting and killing which drew the notice of which occurred at Carson, and in which one brother accidentally shot and killed the other, and the second at Koonton, in which the youngest son of ex-Sheriff Warren was accidentally shot by a negro boy.

Warren was shot in the hip and was immediately carried to Mobile for an operation to remove these acci-

dentals. The News says:

"Two of the highest houses in the country were made sad the past week by guns in the hands of children who did not know the difference between fun and a real accident discharge these."

One bright young life in serious danger, and another snuffed out entirely. The negroes in pleasure will never recover from using such deadly weapons as guns, and should doubly beware of the propensity to commit the happening of a horrid thing.

"We do not call attention to this in a prying manner, but merely for the purpose of preventing a recurrence."

The Negro is right, and fathers everywhere should take warning. We all realize the fact that it is a hard task to deny our boys of the natural desire of life, one of which is to own a gun, but far better would it have been for many to have done so. Many a bright life has been snuffed out by many grisly forms have been made crimson for life by the father indig- ing his youthful son to possess a gun.

When you have a bilious attack give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers.

### FOULLY MURDERED.

ONE OF CHOCTAW'S BEST CITIZENS  
SHOT AND KILLED FROM AMBUSH WHILE DRIVING ALONG THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

His Body, Buggy and Harness Dumped in Deep Hole in Creek.  
Mules Go Free.

HIS SLAYER PAYS PENALTY AT THE HANDS OF INFURIATED CITIZENS.

One of the most diabolical and daring murders ever committed in our country was carried into execution on Monday morning December 2nd, nine miles north of Butler, in which one of Choctaw county's best citizens, Mr. Boddy B. Bush, a successful farmer of Ararat neighborhood, met a most hor- rific death. The hand of one or more negroes who were in wait for someone at or near Tuckson bridge on what is known as the "Smith place" about one half mile north of the residence of Mr. J. W. Rudder.

Mr. Bush had left his happy home and family on Sunday before to carry his daughter, Miss Anna, back to her school in Mobile. On Monday morning he was driving his buggy to town to buy some negroes' Cross Roads, about four miles beyond where met his horse and buggy, and untimely death on his return about 9 o'clock the following morning.

Mr. Bush left home Sunday with the understanding that he would return Monday; not doing so on Tuesday morning, his brother, Mr. John B. Bush, who lives near the home of the deceased, came to Butler to make inquiry of the whereabouts of his brother. Learning nothing concerning his brother, he proceeded to the neighborhood of Williams' Cross Roads and there learned that his brother had spent the night with Mr. Ararat, a blacksmith, and had been driving his buggy to town about 8 o'clock Monday morning on his return. With this information Mr. John Bush returned, making inquiry along the way, and when about three miles this side of where his brother was murdered, the mules driven by his brother were found with out buggy or harness of any description, and the buggy was broken in pieces by piecemeal, wheels and tire hind axle was broken and had been dragged out at the close of the search Friday.

By Saturday morning the crook had fallen considerably, and with renewed energy the search was begun, when Mr. Nutt, a negro, hands while feeling around under the debris, came across some man's managed to raise it high enough to see the hand of Mr. Bush.

The body was taken out and a telephone message sent to Butler to have casket and clothing ready on its arrival. The body was found about 10 o'clock Saturday morning arrived about 4 o'clock noon, and was carried to the home of Mr. Boddy Bush, and who in company with several friends began an investigation at once.

The first clue to the murder was a statement on Wednesday from Mr. J. W. Rudder that Steve Chancy, a negro, had told him on Monday morning of some shooting at or near the said bridge; that it might have been some one killed. With this evidence the negro Steve was taken into custody and was held in jail for a night, examined by a negro physician, and gave positive evidence as to the guilt of Ararat Curtis, another negro.

A message was then sent out over the country for help, and on Thursday somewhere in the neighborhood of two hundred citizens, including Sheriff Locks and his men, had gathered to witness the trial of the negroes in one of the largest courts in the country, in which it was believed lay the body and buggy of Mr. Bush.

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Influenced citizens and friends of the deceased, gathered the Sheriff and against the protest of that cool-headed brother, Mr. Con Bush, admonishing them not to be too hasty in the master, swing Ararat to a limb on the bank near the place where he had confessed putting the body and buggy in the water. Mr. Con Bush, however, insisted that the execution of his son should not stop here, but it said to the credit of our citizens, no other violent or unlawful act on their part was committed.

Friday it developed that three other negroes, whose names are not known to us were found to be more or less implicated, either in the murder or aiding and abetting the killer of the buggy. They were named as to jail. Bush too, was named to jail. Bush would be lashed thereto.

The result of Friday's fishing was the recovery of most of the buggy, which had been torn to pieces and the driver's seat and door panels and hind axle were pried open and the mules were

waiting for any one who thought they might have money on their person.

Another theory is that they were for the purpose of robbing Tax Collector J. E. Bennett, who generally comes to Butler on Mondays, traveling on his mule.

Still another theory is advanced, that the guilty party or parties were in

Waiting for Mr. J. F. Howington, a successful planter of Lovell, who had gone to Butler to sell cotton and on his return would pass that way.

At any rate the purpose seems to have been that of robbery, and for money only, as Mr. Bush's knife was still in his pocket when his body was recovered.

And course there is always the theory that the negroes who were in the house when the crime was committed were trying to raise it high enough to see the hand of Mr. Bush.

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