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## TWO NEGROES KILLED

Monroe Hallum and James Gaston Shot.

## JUDGE LYNCH DID THE WORK.

They Were Leaders In a Secret Plot, Whose Purpose Was to Kill Whites.

Kosciusko, Miss., July 19.—(Special to Commercial Appeal.)—She of Love has returned from Cross Roads, a settlement thirteen miles north of Kosciusko, which was the scene of a double lynching there. Two negroes, Monroe Hallum and Jim Gaston, were the victims of the mob's fury. It seems that a secret organization exists there, the purpose of which it is alleged, was to incite the negroes to violence against the whites. It is claimed that the mob secured evidence establishing this, and that Hallum and Gaston were the leaders in the movement. Hallum and Gaston have bad reputations and the better people of the vicinity endorse the taking off of these negroes.

While the neighborhood was present at the killing, no one will admit that he knows who did the shooting. When the sheriff arrived a jury of inquest had already been empannelled from parties present, who returned a verdict that the deceased came to their death by gunshot wounds inflicted by persons to the jurors unknown. It is believed that most of the mob was from an adjoining county. The citizens seem to know more than they would divulge to the sheriff. The sheriff reported everything quiet when he left, except a few rabid fellows who want to extinguish the negro race. It is thought that the conservative element will prevail and no other trouble will be feared.

To the Democratic Executive Committee of Atala County.

You are urgently requested to meet at the Court House on Saturday July 20th at 10 o'clock a. m., to make necessary arrangements to hold the congressional primary election to take place in August and to attend to other important business. Every member should be present.

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## "JOPLIN DOTS."

We had a nice rain Tuesday night, which was a welcome visitor.

Picnics are all the go. The young folks enjoyed a nice one at Smyrna, the fourth.

Messrs Billie and Jim Journey visited Mr. Jim Fondren Sunday last.

Mrs. May Fenwick is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holman.

Miss Alma Sanders is on the sick list this week, we wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Curtis Wheat has returned home from Texas, to visit his father Mr. John Wheat. Welcome home Mr. Wheat we are glad to see you in our midst again.

Mrs. Martha Cooper and daughter Miss Donnie visited Mrs. W. P. Sanders Tuesday last.

Mr. Jim Fondren visited Miss Mary Journey Monday afternoon. Misses Pauline and Amanda Sanders were pleasant visitors at Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fondren's Sunday last.

The young people enjoyed an ice cream supper at Mrs. Louis Walker's last Friday night. About thirty-five people were present and all had a nice time. Refreshments were served. The table was beautifully decorated. The crowd was entertained with music on the guitar and mandolin by Misses Lillian Sweet and Annie May Dean and Mr. Otis Dean, three of Ethel's most popular young people and Mr. Jim Fondren also.

Mr. Bige Wilson of Kosciusko is spending a few days with his sister Mrs. Fannie Jamison.

The young people had a lovely time at Misses Barbara and Laura O'Bryan's last Friday night at an entertainment. After refreshments were served the crowd was entertained with music on the guitar, and banjo by Mr. Chester Kern a most popular musician.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dean on the 15th instant and bore away their sweet little babe. They have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

## BILL SCROGGINS.

### For Sale At a Bargain.

The house and lot. Just west of C. Kelly's residence, formerly owned by J. C. Clark can be bought on easy terms. Apply to F. Z. JACKSON or J. S. SMITH, Attorney. J-14-47

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## COCKE AND LAUDERDALE

### Pay the Penalty For Their Crime On Gallows.

### WAS WITNESSED BY THOUSANDS

Cocke Died Swearing, But Lauderdale Was Quiet—History of Crime.

Special to the Clarion-Ledger.

Greenville, Miss., July 22.—Ashley Cocke and Tom Lauderdale, the murderers of Engineer Wray, were hanged at half past eleven o'clock this morning in the presence of thousands of witnesses both white and black.

Cocke died cursing the courts, the judge, the governor and the state of Mississippi generally, while Lauderdale went to his death quietly. There was nothing in the way of the sensations that were predicted, but the sheriff was prepared to stop any interference on the shortest possible. It was stated a few days since that the family of Cocke would see to it that he never died by the rope by shooting him from the gallows if necessary but there was none of that.

It was also rumored that the friends of the condemned man would attempt a rescue during the last night or during the execution but no attempt at anything of that kind was made, and the hanging was as quiet and orderly as any ever in the state. There is a feeling of relief here—every one being glad that the unpleasant duty had been performed and is a thing of the past.

### STORY OF THE CRIME.

The crime for which Ashley Cocke and Tom Lauderdale pay the death penalty was the assassination of Engineer, J. M. Wray, of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road, on the night of the 6th of December, 1901. The killing occurred on the Leeland accommodation train, in Washington county, and the atrocious and unprovoked manner in which it was committed shocked the entire state.

Ashley Cocke was the ringleader of the party of desperadoes, which was composed of Tom Lauderdale, William Blackburn, and a man named Phipps. The latter was helplessly drunk when the party boarded the train, and all had been drinking heavily during the afternoon and night.

On boarding the train the party immediately proceeded to take possession and terrorize the passengers in the smoking car by a display of firearms. Approaching Engineer Wray, who was seated quietly near the end of the car, Cocke threatened to kill him, and Mr. Wray made every possible attempt to pacify him, realizing that the quartet were irresponsible. The party kept up a reign of lawlessness for several minutes, and finally they made a joint attack on Mr. Wray, and when the smoke cleared away he was found with four bullet wounds in his body, one fatal and the other three flesh wounds.

The party then went to the ladies' coach. Blackburn took up his position at one end of the coach and Lauderdale at the other. Cocke was in the center of the car flourishing his pistol and swearing that none of them would be taken alive. This was continued for some time random shots being fired out of the windows, and finally they went out forward and compelled the engineer to run according to their orders.

The next morning when they were arrested Cocke declared that he had killed Wray, and that he had never yet missed his man in previous killing affairs. This statement was not uncontradicted in the lower court trial. The chief de-

fense for Cocke was that he was mentally unbalanced, and had been crazy since 1889 when he received a wound on his head.

The trial was one of the most celebrated that has taken place in Mississippi for many years, and was continued for more than two weeks. Appeal was taken from the lower court conviction to the supreme court and the death sentence affirmed. Then commenced the appeals for executive clemency from all parts of the state which has been steadily refused. Governor Longino firmly announcing that he could not and would not interfere with the verdict of the courts. An unsuccessful effort was made to get a stay of execution on the strength of a Federal point of law brought up regarding jury qualifications, but this was turned down by Justice White on the ground that it had not been breached in the state courts.

### His Preference.

A good deal of discussion has come out the setting aside for a time, of young Mr. Noll as a candidate for the ministry because he had the tendency to say that he did not believe Adam was a historical person. Prof. Fagnani said on Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian dinner at the Pough gallery, as was reported at that time, that he was "going home to try to put as far as Adam's grave." A Manhattan morning paper made a startling headline of this, also saying Prof. Fagnani called Adam a myth, which, however, he did not do.

A bright young man from one of the Brooklyn newspapers went to a prominent minister of the denomination, armed with the clipping, but apparently not exactly knowing what form the interview ought to take, but ventured to ask:

"What do you think of Adam?"

"Why, he's dead!"

"What do you think of putting a slab on Adam's grave?"

"I think it would be a good idea if the grave can be found."

"Well," hesitatingly asked the young reporter, "what side do you take in this discussion, anyway?"

"I would prefer to be on top of the slab, not under it."

The interview ended at this point.

—Brooklyn Eagle.

## A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Negro Shoots His Sweetheart and Commits Suicide.

### SHE REFUSED TO MARRY HIM.

After He Had Procured the License the Second Time.

Center Miss., July 21, 1902.

To The Herald—A theme for speculation by sociologists and criminologists, is furnished by the double tragedy enacted in this vicinity on Saturday last, by a negro Charles Gentry, who after killing his sweetheart, Henrietta Strubling, turned the pistol upon himself with fatal effect. Gentry, who was only about 15 or 19 years of age, had procured license for the second time, to marry Henrietta, and upon her refusal to consummate the union, enacted the tragedy above-stated. Self destruction is so unusual with those of full African blood, that some inquiry was made to his lineage, which developed the information, that while no caucasian blood flowed in his veins, he had a strain of Indian blood from his maternal side. This investigation, however, throws no light upon the subject, for it is well known that the Indian as well as the colored commits suicide as the negro. This desperate act of this young negro is the first of this kind ever committed by a negro, within the scope of your correspondents observation.

### Still Paying 25 Cents.

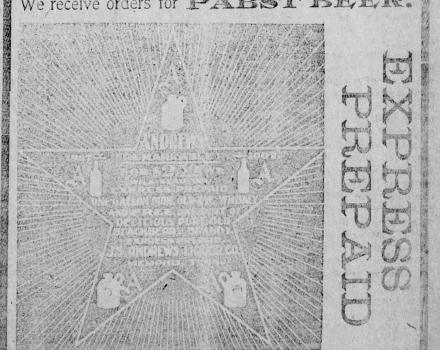
In order to aid the farmer, we are still paying twenty five cents per bushel for cotton seed. We will endeavor to hold the price up to this point and will be glad to "handle all the seed left over."

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