FEARFUL RECORD
OF
SOUTHERN ATROCITIES AND HORRORS.

Another Bloody Deed.—A despatch from Baltimore says that an awful murder came to light at Dandridge, on the 16th. Elijah Moore, his wife and sister-in-law were all found murdered in their respective beds, and their bodies terribly gashed with an axe. A negro belonging to the murdered man is missing, and it is supposed he is the author of the fiendish deed.

A correspondent of the Knoxville *Register* gives the following details of this horrid affair:—

DANDRIDGE, June 21, 1854.

The deplorable scenes of horror which have occurred in this county within the last week, are peculiarly thrilling, and strike every heart with a sting of poignant regret, which beggars description. On last Wednesday night, while Elijah Moore, his wife and sister-in-law were enjoying at home that joy and pleasure which alone could be realized in calm repose in their own domicile, a servant of said Moore stole quietly into the room in which they were sleeping, and, without provocation, murdered Moore most brutally with an axe.

Mrs. Moore, being awakened by the blows upon her husband, entreated him to desist, and for this kind entreaty, from an indulgent mistress, he felled her to the floor, and murdered her with the same axe. The scenes thus perpetrated aroused Miss Lotspeech, the sister of Mrs. Moore, a young lady of fine family and unexceptionable character, who ran to the bed where her sister and brother-in-law were being immersed in murder and their own blood; but the horror of the picture before her overawed her, and she sprang back to her own bed.

The fiend, with hellish purposes, approached her, and after violent struggles between them, in which he broke her left arm, bruised her left shoulder, throat and chin very severely, he finally accomplished his hell-born purposes, and took also her innocent life. Thus, by the hand of a furious slave, who had never been wronged, but too kindly treated, three valuable lives, of our most respectable and highly esteemed citizens, have been taken, and rushed, without previous notice, into the presence of the great Ruler of the Universe. I learn they were exemplary members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The indignation of our people was intense, and had no bounds. A large number assembled, and began a vigilant and thorough search for the hardened wretch, and on last Sabbath, about 12 o'clock, he was arrested. On the day following, he suffered at the stake by the torch, that penalty which his infamy deserved, and was burned to death at one o'clock, within a few hundred yards of the place where the murders were committed. About one thousand citizens were present, and the execution was performed coolly and deliberately; and in the large assembly there was not a dissenting voice to the execution.

This violent measure was adopted in this county as the means of absolute necessary self-defence, which could not be secured by an ordinary resort to the laws. Two executions on the gallows have occurred in this county within a year or two past, and the example has been unavailing. Four executions by hanging have taken place heretofore in Jefferson, of slaves guilty of similar offences, and it has produced no radical terror or example for others designing the same crimes, and hence any example less horrible and terrifying would have availed nothing here.'

We find in the Athens *Post*, a letter in relation to this horrible tragedy, which contains some additional facts:—.

'Moore and his wife were clever, respectable people. He owned a negro man named Tom, about 22 years of age, who had been raised in the family, and admitted to many familiarities and liberties, such as are too often allowed to slaves by those who own but few. This slave, and two small negro boys hired by Moore, worked on the farm. The slave Tom had been insolent to the family, and especially to Miss Lotspeech, and ought to have been arrested, but Moore was desirous of having his labor in the crop at this particular time, and was perhaps somewhat afraid of the negro. He therefore suffered the negro still to live in the family.

On last Wednesday evening, the slave, Tom, sent away the free negro boys to their mother's, not far distant, and in the night entered the house where Moore and his wife were in one bed, and Miss Lotspeech in another bed in an opposite corner of the same room. He entered the room with a lamp and axe. He struck Moore in the head a blow with the edge of the axe, causing such instant death that he did not, when first discovered, appear to have moved. Several wounds, apparently given with great force with the axe, were found upon and about his head. Mrs. Moore awoke, sprang from the bed, and contended with the negro in defence of her husband.

The negro inflicted several wounds upon Mrs. M. similar to those upon her husband, and lifting her from the floor, threw her upon the bed, where she died in a few minutes. Whilst the brief contest was pending with Mrs. Moore, her sister, Miss Lotspeech, started to her relief. The negro struck her upon the arm and broke it; he then threw her upon the bed, and violated her with many acts of inhumanity and barbarity not to be repeated. She resisted and fought to the last. Her screams alarmed the negro, so that he killed her by a blow upon the back of her head, and then made his escape. The next day, the whole neighborhood assembled, and all who were there say that the sight of the murdered dead was the most awful they had ever seen.

The whole neighborhood turned out upon a diligent search for the murderer, and on Sunday he was arrested, not, however, until he had received a severe flesh wound from a rifle ball. He make a full, though not voluntary confession, which is confirmed by other evidence. On Monday, after general public notice throughout the country round, in the presence of an immense assembly, and by the expressed approbation of every individual present, the negro was chained to a stake, and burned to death and to ashes.'

Still another Account.—DANDRIDGE, June 19, 1854.—On Wednesday night last, 14th inst., Mr. Elijah Moore, of this county, living nine miles from this place, and his wife, and his wife's sister, Miss Jane Lotspeech, were all murdered. Suspicion immediately fixed upon a negro man named Sam, belonging to Mr. Moore, who was found to be run away.

The excitement was intense, and the whole country rose up in arms, formed themselves into companies to hunt for him, and on yesterday he was overtaken crossing Chucky river, about twenty miles from this place, and was immediately fired upon, one shot taking effect in his right arm. He immediately turned, and gave himself up to the pursuing party, who took him to the house of Mr. L. D. Franklin, where, by *screwing his fingers and then his hands in a vice until all the bones were mashed*, (and other treatment which cannot be mentioned in print,) he acknowledged that he had committed the murders.

He says that he had conceived a strong and irresistible passion for Miss Lotspeech, and made several proposals, which were always rejected with indignation; that he told her if she ever informed on him, he would kill her, and thus prevented her from telling his master; but on last Monday, he made another attempt, when she immediately told her brother-in-law, Mr. Moore, who talked to him about it, and threatened to whip him. He then determined to enter the house, kill Mr. Moore, and carry Miss L. away, while another negro was to take Mrs. Moore; but in killing Moore, Mrs. Moore waked up, and caught the axe, which he wrested from her, and struck her a violent blow upon the head, mashing her skull, and thus rendering her incapable of further resistance, but not causing immediate death.

In the meantime, Miss L. awoke, and struggled to prevent his killing her. He coolly informed her of his purpose; she begged him to kill her; he struck her with the axe, and broke one of her arms at the first blow; at the second, he stunned her so as to make her entirely insensible; he then accomplished his hellish purpose. Mrs. Moore, in the meantime, moved in the bed, and he went to her, and split her skull open with the axe; went back to Miss L's bed, and a second time violated her person, and then split her head open with the axe.

The whole annals of crime do not show such a hellish, fiendish crime accompanied with so much coolness. But he has met his doom. He was to-day tied to a tree, in sight of his murdered master's house, a large pile of pitch pine built around him, and then *set on fire and burnt to ashes*, in the presence of 1200 or 1500 persons, who did not leave the spot until he was *completely reduced to ashes*.

Thus has ended the life of one of the most foul and black-hearted fiends that ever disgraced the earth.

Outrageous Rape and Murder committed by a Negro—Tremendous Excitement in Marshall county, Mississippi—Negro Hung and Shot.—We learned last evening the particulars of a most outrageous rape, committed upon a white woman in Marshall county, Mississippi, near Byhalia, by a negro slave. It appears that Mrs. Redman, a very respectable lady, who was but lately married, had gone into the field to hunt turkey's nests, and was out of sight of the house, when a negro man, who was ploughing in a field close by, came to where she was, threw her down, and committed a rape upon her person. The black fiend made her promise that she would not tell, and then returned to his ploughing.

The lady repaired to a hill close by, and gave the alarm, crying for help, when the fiend left his plough, and deliberately walked to where she was, and ravished her a second time. After accomplishing his hellish purpose, he choked his victim to death, thereby committing a double crime, and then resumed his ploughing, as if nothing had happened.

In a few hours, the lifeless corpse was found, but no trace of the murderer could be discovered, until a pair of hounds were brought, and placed upon the scent of the track. They immediately traced the track to the negro, who was still ploughing, but he denied all knowledge of the affair.

At length, he confessed to the committal of the deed, giving a full statement of every thing; and in taking him away, the parties passed by the house of the negro's brother, who said it was his brother that did it, as he talked about it before. This occurred on Monday evening, and the news did not become generally known that night, but the next morning it spread like wildfire, and the whole country was aroused with indignation. The excitement became intense; the people gathered from every quarter, and the black wretch was taken by the infuriated crowd, first castrated, and then hung by the neck until nearly dead. He was then taken down, and hung again by his heels until life was nearly extinct, when he was shot by some ten or a dozen men in the crowd.—*Memphis (Tenn.) Whig.*

Mayor Killed.—A difficulty occurring on the 4th inst., at Alexandria, Louisiana, between George Hill and John C. Culbertson, on the barbecue ground, Mayor Murray interfered to restore peace, when he was shot by Culbertson in the abdomen, causing death the next day.

Horrible Affair.—The Charlottesville *Advocate* has a letter from Morgan county, Kentucky, stating that on the 20th ult., a dreadful affair occurred at Bloomington, in that county. Two lawers, named respectively Eastley and Hazelrig, were rival candidates for the office of county attorney. During the canvass on the day before stated, Eastley, in a speech to a crowd of the electors, declared that Hazlerig was a liar, and had committed perjury. Immediately, Hazlerig stepped up the stand, and, without a word, pointed a revolver at his assailant, discharging the contents into his head, blowing out his brains, and causing instant death. Hazlerig surrendered himself, was examined, and acquitted, on the ground of justifiable homicide (!)

Fatal Encounter at Ripley, Miss.—We regret to learn that a difficulty happened at Ripley, on Thursday last, the 13th inst., during which Nathaniel S. Price, Esq., was killed by W. J. Maclin, Esq., both citizens of that place.

Ill feeling, it appears, occurred about certain debts against Mr. Maclin in the hands of Judge Price for collection. Maclin went armed to Price's office, and commenced abusing him, when Price ordered him out. Maclin then struck Price with a brickbat, P. and returned several blows with a stick, perhaps knocking Maclin down. A scuffle ensued, during which Maclin drew a pistol, and shot Price in the abdomen.—*Natchez Courier.*

☞ A desperate fight took place last week between a Mr. Delahunt, of Kentucky, and a Mr. Furguson, of Indiana, a few miles below Memphis, on the Mississippi, in the course of which Furguson drew a pistol and fired at Delahunt, the ball passing through his coat collar. The latter then drew a bowie knife, and used it so effectually on the body of the former, that but slight hopes were entertained of his life. Delahunt gave himself up to the proper authorities, and was acquitted, after an examination of the affair.

☞ Mr. Fannin, who was shot dead at Aberdeen, Miss., by M. J. Bunch, was an officer in the Texan revolution, and brother to the heroic Fannin who was butchered by Santa Anna. Fannin had won a large sum of money of Bunch at cards, and went to his room to receive it at the time specified. Finding the door locked, he had turned to go down stairs, when Bunch opened the door and shot him in the back. The murderer was not arrested!

The Runaway.—In our paper of Sunday morning, we alluded to the fact of an overseer from a plantation in Prince George's county, Maryland, coming into the city in pursuit of a fugitive, and of the latter escaping from the former, and voluntarily returning the next morning to the jail of this county. The runaway had been handcuffed, and tied by the legs on the horse, behind the overseer, but he purposely slipped off, when a fight occurred between the parties, the white man undergoing a choking process, and the negro receiving two stabs in his back. The rope which bound the slave's legs was cut by the overseer, on condition that he would loosen the grasp on his throat. The flight of the slave was the consequence. Late accounts represent the overseer at home, suffering from the effects of the contest. The negro is still in jail, awaiting the requisition of his master. Having repeated the suspicion that the overseer had been killed, it is but due we should now state that the apprehension was ill-founded.—*Washington Sentinel.*

Assassination.—We learn from the Washington (Ark.) *Telegraph*, that Capt. Richard H. Finn was assassinated at his residence in that vicinity on the 3d inst. He was shot through the window, while in the presence of his family. He died instantly. The infamous deed was committed in the darkness of the night, and there is no one upon whom suspicion rests.

Shocking Murder.—The Raleigh *Star* says—'We learn that a shocking murder was committed in Chapel Hill, on Saturday night last, by J. Brockwell, upon the person of James Davis. Brockwell, we learn, went to Mr. Davis, and used some very offensive language, whereupon Mr. Davis told him he must go away. B. refused, but continued his offensive language. Mr. Davis then took him by the arm, and told him he must leave; whereupon Brockwell drew his knife and inflicted several stabs upon Mr. Davis, killing him almost instantly.'

Awful Tragedy at St. Louis.—The Alton *Courier* of Thursday says: 'By passengers on the St. Paul last evening, we learn that Hoffman, the German, who was dreadfully mutilated by one Baker, some weeks ago, was yesterday shot and killed by Mrs. Baker. It seems that Hoffman was walking along the street, and seeing Mrs. Baker advancing towards him, he stepped aside into a store, when she followed him. When she entered, he jumped over the counter, and hid himself under it. She jumped over the counter, also, and fired two barrels of a pistol at him, inflicting mortal wounds, from which he died in a few minutes.'

Murder in North Carolina.—A most shocking murder was committed on Wednesday night, the 15th inst., near Milton, N. C., on the person of Francis Williams. Early in the evening, he left home, and while walking along a path through the woods, about one and a half miles from his residence, he was accosted and shot by some person unknown. He was shot in the breast and left side with nine balls, or very large buck-shot, causing instant death. Mr. W. was about 65 years of age, and quite wealthy. He was probably murdered for his money.

The Williams Murder.—The last Danville (Va.) papers state that Joseph Williams, one of the sons of Francis Williams, who was recently murdered in a wood near his residence, at night, has been arrested and committed to the jail of Caswell county, N. C., on the charge of being the murderer of his father. The evidence against him has not been made public. Joseph Williams is a young man some twenty-two or three years of age, and was the only white member of the family residing with his father at the time of the murder. One of the negroes belonging to the estate of the deceased has also been arrested and committed, charged with being an accomplice in the murder.

Murder and Subsequent Execution in the Creek Nation.—We learn from a gentleman recently from the Creek nation, that about three weeks ago, a negro, (Jim,) belonging to Mr. Watt Grayson, residing at North Fork, Creek nation, murdered two Creeks, one named Menowa, who had, by order of Mr. Grayson, tied his (the negro's) brother, whom Mr. G. had sold to a trader from Louisiana. Subsequently, by order of several chiefs of the Creek nation, he was condemned to be executed according to the forms of the Creek law; and, seated on a log, his head covered by a blanket, he received two rifle balls, and fell dead. The executioners were the nearest relatives of the deceased.

Melancholy Affair.—Night before last, a serious difficulty occurred on Front Row, between Messrs. W. T. Brown and Rice. Mr. Rice was shot, and, from all accounts, mortally wounded. We were unable to ascertain the cause of the difficulty. Mr. Brown is a son of Judge Brown, of this city, who is a most estimable gentleman and a distinguished lawyer. We understand that Mr. Rice's recovery is extremely doubtful.—*Memphis Eagle and Enquirer.*

College Quarrel.—Recently, an expelled student of the Missouri State University, with cane and pistol in hand, committed an assault on Prof. Locke of the University, who, in resenting the attack, snapped a pistol at the breast of the assailant. At this juncture, a negro attendant separated the parties, and doubtless prevented a bloody result. The assailant's name was White.

☞ A duel was fought on the Georgia side of the St. Mary's river, Tuesday last, between Messrs. Coker and Steward, two young lawyers of Newmansville, Florida. The weapons used were double-barrelled guns, loaded with buckshot—distance 75 paces. There was but one fire, three of the shot from Mr. Coker's piece taking effect upon his adversary, two in the arm and one in the breast. The latter wound is considered dangerous. They fought about a young lady.—Steward's mother was present!—*Savannah Republican.*

☞ A bloody fight occurred at the Monticello House, in Charlottesville, Va., on Monday last, between W. Edward Garth, of Albemarle, and David W. Flournoy, of Charlotte county. They fought with pistols and bowie knives. Both parties were wounded—Mr. Garth dangerously, and Mr. Flournoy slightly.

Murder of a Slave.—We learn from the Darlington, (S. C.) *Flag*, that the body of a slave, supposed to have been murdered, has been found in that district, and that an inquest was held and a verdict rendered, imputing the act to a young gentleman of the highest respectability, whose uniform gentleness of deportment and amiable character are utterly irreconcilable with the commission of such a deed, in a normal state of mind. We understand that it is not probable that any further judicial inquiry, at the instance of the State, will be practicable. The reason why no further investigation is practicable, would seem to be the absence of any witness competent to give testimony in the courts of the State.

Negro Hung.—About ten or fifteen days ago, the overseer of Judge Worthington, at Pt. Washington, Miss., was killed by one of his negroes. The murderer fled, but was pursued, caught, and lodged in jail at Greenville. On Sunday, the 19th inst., some forty overseers from neighboring plantations forcibly took him from the jailor, and carried him to Princeton, near the scene of the murder, and hung him. The occurrence had created great excitement in the neighborhood.

☞ Covington Watts, a native of Baltimore, was murdered in that city, on the evening of 12th inst., by W. R. Hawkins, a person attached to one of the Parker Vein steamships.

Fatal Shooting.—Lawrence Richardson, a carpenter, formerly of St. Mary's, Ga., was shot last evening, about 8 o'clock, under the following circumstances. He was sitting in M. Grothers' grocery store, in Whitaker street, corner of Taylor street lane, conversing with Harvey Morse, one of the sergeants of the city watch, when he received a load of buckshot in the neck, breaking the bone, and almost instantly causing his death. The gun was fired through an open door, about ten feet from where he was sitting; the window just on his left had one of its panes shattered, and several of the shot stuck in the facing. Mr. Richardson leaves a wife and family, who lived in the upper story of the building where he was killed.

We learn that suspicions are entertained as to the author of the deed, but nothing positive is yet known.—*Savannah Republican.*

Mob Law in Arkansas.—A public meeting was held in Crittenden county, Ark., (the county opposite Memphis,) on the 12th inst., and resolutions were passed, ordering Joseph Abel to leave said county by nine o'clock the next day; and ordering George Dewitt, Carrol Dempsey, James Baker, Nick Dyson, L. Murphy, Frank Witby, Reuben Abel, Wm. P. Farmer, and Boler Cocke, to leave the county by the 15th inst.

These persons are charged with committing depredations on the property of good citizens; stealing and secreting slaves; slandering females; harboring thieves and murderers; and assailing and threatening the lives of peaceable persons. They are ordered to march 'to time,' or 'abide the consequences.'

These proceedings are published in the Memphis papers, with the names of *forty-five* responsible citizens of Crittenden county appended.

Duelling at Mobile.—On Sunday, a duel was fought between two gentlemen from New Orleans. The scene of it was in the grove south of the buildings known as the 'Six Sisters,' in the lower suburbs of the city.

The parties were Charles Roman, son of ex-Governor Roman, and W. H. Bouligny, son of a late Senator from Louisiana of that name. The fight commenced at one o'clock, with small swords for weapons. The first pass was made by Mr. Bouligny, whose sword struck upon the suspender button of his antagonist, and broke in two. In the pass of Mr. Roman, made simultaneously, the sword penetrated the side of Mr. Bouligny, inflicting a slight but not dangerous wound.

The swords being broken, the parties resorted to pistols, at five paces. At the first fire, Mr. Bouligny received the ball of his antagonist back of the hip. The wound, we learn, was painful, but slight. The shot of Mr. Bouligny passed on without touching.—*Mobile Tribune.*

Trial for Murder.—The Hustings Court was engaged yesterday with the trial of an old and infirm negro man named Perry, belonging to Charles Dimmock, Esq., charged with the murder, a short time since, of a slave, the property of Joseph R. Anderson, Esq. He was found guilty of murder in the second degree, and was sentenced to be transported beyond the limits of the United States.—*Richmond Enquirer.*

A Brutal Murder.—The Frankfort *Yeoman*, a Kentucky paper, states that in Lawrenceburgh, of that State, on the night of the 18th inst., a man entered the house of Mr. and Mrs. McBrayer, after they had retired to rest, and, approaching the bed, commenced cutting Mrs. McBrayer with an axe, in various parts of her body. One of her legs was entirely severed by his blows. Her husband, reaching out his hand, received a blow, cutting his hand in two. The murderer then, after aiming a blow at a child, which fortunately only slightly cut the back of its neck, left the house. Mrs. McBrayer lived long enough to declare her belief that the man who committed the deed was her step son, and he was subsequently arrested and committed to jail.

☞ Five slaves, three in Virginia and two in Louisiana, have been sentenced to be hung—two for murdering their master, and three for a conspiracy to poison Capt. Haney. Seven others sentenced to be transported.

Horrible Atrocity.—A most shocking murder was committed in the upper part of our district, on the Salada river, Wednesday evening, 3d inst., on the body of one Young Fuller, by Mary McCracken. The instrument was an axe, with which the woman struck the deceased three times, inflicting a most ghastly wound at every stroke. Many rumors are afloat as to the cause of this tragic deed, which are so contradictory, that we deem it our duty to withhold any remarks on the subject, further than that the deceased was a man of very bad character, and had been the terror of the surrounding neighbors for some time. The unfortunate perpetrator of the horrid deed is now in jail in this place.—*Laurens (S. C.) Herald.*

Inhuman Cruelty.—A man by the name of Amor and his wife, living in Henry county, Ky., were arrested on the tenth, for cruel treatment of the husband's child—a little girl about six years old. The child was covered with bruises and scars. It had been cruelly whipped and *scalded*, and had been kicked across the room, even into the fire, in the presence of its father and others. The man did not deny the charge, but laid it on his wife; said he could not control her, as she threatened to take his life. Those who witnessed the case, thought him as guilty as the beastly step-mother. In addition to the inhuman violence, the little sufferer was almost starved to death. It had been deprived of food, according to the testimony, for twenty-four hours at a time, and was reduced almost to a skeleton, as was exhibited at the trial, a most pitiable object. The wife had children of her own that fared differently. The court acquitted the parents, but took the child from them. The two demons being released, they decamped to Indiana, and on the Friday following, the poor child died. A reward has been offered by the Governor for the apprehension of the fugitives.

Affray.—From the following, which we clip from the Memphis *Appeal* of the 23d, it will be seen that they have had still another murderous affray in that place:

'A man by the name of Charles Rice was shot night before last by William Brown. We have heard from several individuals that it was a most cold-blooded affair; but as the case has not yet come to a trial, we can give no opinion. Rice was not dead yesterday afternoon, although it was the opinion of Dr. Wright, his physician, that he could not possibly live through the night. The ball entered just below the left nipple, passing between the first two ribs, and lodging in the stomach, where it still remains. The affair took place on Front Row, between Washington and Poplar streets, and in front of Mr. Keefer's store. After he was shot, Rice walked as far as the corner of Washington, and was there taken in charge, and conveyed to a room over Mr. Keefer's store, where he still lies. Brown was arrested and taken to the calaboose. He will be tried as soon as the man dies. We understand that Rice is recently from Berks county, Pa., and was employed on board the ill-fated Caroline at the time she burned.

P. S. Mr. Rice died last night, at 10 o'clock.

Another Murder at St. Louis.—We learn from the St. Louis *Intelligencer*, that on Friday evening last, the body of a murdered man was found lying at the edge of the water in a slough near Keyser's stone quarry, half a mile south of U. S. Arsenal. His skull was dreadfully fractured. The initials upon his shirt were 'W. A.,' in red thread. The body had not yet been identified.

Serious Affray at the St. Nicholas Hotel.—There was a stabbing affray at the 'St. Nicholas' last night, between two sporting men from the South, named White and Connor. White received a cut in the arm, and Connor was stabbed in the abdomen, and is not likely to live. White was arrested.

Cruel Murder.—All our conceptions of the nature of demons are derived, necessarily, from the acts of men. A murder, or rather butchery, which was committed in Accomac court-house, Virginia, on the 5th ult., affords an appalling illustration of this reflection. A young man, (a miner,) named James Ames, got into a difficulty with Mr. George East, his step-father. Ames drew out a huge butcher-knife, sharpened like a razor, which it seems he had been carrying for eighteen months past, and advanced to East, who started to run. Overtaking East, he stabbed him repeatedly behind, till he fell, when the assassin got upon and literally cut him to pieces, disembowelling him, cutting open the heart, and gashing the flesh in a number of places. After the blood-thirsty monster had left him, fearing, as he says, he was not dead, he returned, propped up the body against the fence, and cut the throat from ear to ear, the wound extending entirely through the windpipe, and disjointing the neck. He then returned to town, and delivered himself up, saying he had been intending to do it for a long time, and if East was not then dead, he would go back and finish him. The deed is thought to have been done on account of property belonging to his mother, which had become vested in East by her marriage. The people in the neighborhood were so incensed that they attempted to take the murderer out of jail and hang him.

A Hangman Lynched in Franklin Parish, La.—On Friday, says the *Planters' Banner* of the 18th ult., the slave Sam was executed within the jail yard of this town. A stranger hired himself to the sheriff to become the instrument of the law—*a desperate hangman!* On the night succeeding the day of execution, a party of rowdies succeeded in inveigling him from the jail, where he had been placed by the sheriff for safe-keeping, the depraved being who had been hired by that officer to carry out the sentence of the law. He was taken by the mob, badly beaten, knocked down, kicked, jumped upon, tarred and feathered, and,—worse than all,—horribly mutilated for life—his *right ear being cut off!* In all probability, even worse consequences would have ensued, were it not for the arrival and prompt interference of the sheriff and his deputy. The affair has since undergone an investigation before Justice Curtis, who has committed for trial such as satisfactory evidence appeared against.

More Bloodshed in Kentucky.—A difficulty occurred near Williamsburgh, in Washington county, Va., on the evening of the 26th of April, between a Mr. Hugert and a Mr. Samuel Hardin, in which Hugert stabbed Hardin in the left breast, which killed him instantly. Hugert has not been arrested.

Fatal Affray.—A private letter to a friend in this city, dated Marietta, April 28th, gives the particulars of a fatal affray at that place, between Mr. Austin Green, and Mr. Walker, the Town Marshal, which resulted in the death of the former. It appears that Austin was riotous, and the Marshal attempted to arrest him. In the attempt, Green drew his revolver, and fired upon the Marshal three times, when the latter, becoming exasperated, drew his own pistol, and shot Green, the ball entering his breast. He walked some thirty yards, and immediately expired. He leaves a wife and three children—*Savannah Rep., May 1.*

Two More Men Shot.—We notice in our Washington and Austin exchanges, by the last mail from the interior, that two men have very recently been shot down in the streets of those places, with double-barrelled shot guns. These are the particulars:—

Mr. E. J. Hendrick, of Grimes county, was shot down in the streets of Washington, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 9th inst., by G. W. McLees. The weapon used was a double-barreled shot gun, McLees planting into the body of Hendrick two loads of buck shot, either of which would have caused his death. McLees assigns as a reason for killing Hendrick, that the deceased had threatened his life.

A young man of the name of Gwin, said to be a nephew of the California Senator of the same name, was shot down in the streets of Austin, on Monday, the 8d ult., by Capt. John G. Grumbles.

☞ On the 25th, John G. Durham, Ex-Mayor of Austin, was attacked in the streets of that city by W. H. Cleveland, son of the proprietor of the Metropolitan Hotel. Cleveland struck Durham several blows with a hickory stick, whereupon the latter shot him dead with a revolver. An examination resulted in a decision of justifiable homicide.

Murder of a Scene Painter.—Mr. Laidlaw, the artist and scene painter at the People's Theatre, St. Louis, was murdered on the road known as the 'King's Highway,' which runs across the country from the St. Charles road to the Central plank-road, near St. Louis, on the 4th inst. A man named Jackson is suspected of the crime, and officers have been sent in pursuit of him.

Unfortunate Affray.—We are pained to learn that on Tuesday last, in Beaufort, an affray occurred between Messrs. G. B. Cuthbert and Henry Verdier, in which the latter was shot twice by a double-barreled gun, six buck shot taking effect in his body. We have heard some of the details, but prefer waiting for a more accurate account before publishing them. Mr. Verdier was believed to be mortally wounded, but was still alive on Wednesday evening.

Homicide at Aberdeen, Miss.—Michael Fanning, a citizen of Texas, was killed at Aberdeen, Miss., on the 13th inst., by Col. M. J. Bunch, being shot through the face with one barrel of a gun, and through the body with the other. A pistol, heavily charged, was picked up near the body of the deceased. No other circumstances are stated. Bunch delivered himself up.

☞ In Upshur Co., Texas, James Gentry was knocked down with an axe by his negro man, and his murder was completed by a negro woman. The murderers then burnt the body, and the man, to avoid suspicion, went through the neighborhood inquiring for his master; but, nevertheless, the citizens raked over the ashes of the log-heap, and found a few bones, a pocket-knife, and several brass buttons. The negroes, who have brutal and revolting countenances, thereupon confessed their crime.

☞ Mr. John Barrow, of Henry county, Va., was killed while ploughing, by a blow on the head with a hoe, in the hands of one of his negroes.

Affray at St. Louis.—On the 27th, two stewards on board the steamer G. W. Sparhawk, lying at St. Louis, undertook to beat the second engineer, named Kelly. He drew a knife, with which he killed one of them on the spot, and badly if not fatally wounded the other. Their names were Dedieman and Hyland.

A Horrible Record.—The Louisville *Journal*, in an article referring to the Ward case, gives the following list of murderers who have been acquitted:

There have been scores of notorious cases of murder and acquittal in this city and this State. There was the case of Kunz, who killed Schaeffer. Kunz, hearing that Schaeffer had spoken lightly of a member of his family, went to his coffee house and cursed him.—Schaeffer picked up a small stick, and went round the counter as if to strike Kunz, whereupon the latter thrust a deadly weapon into his breast, and killed him. He was tried, and discharged without punishment. There was the case of Delph, who killed his uncle, Reuben Lyter. Delph armed himself deliberately, and went to the upper market house to meet Lyter. He met him, sought a quarrel with him, and shot him dead on the spot. The quarrel was about a prostitute. Delph was tried and acquitted by a jury. There was the case of Croxton, who killed Hawthorn. Hawthorn was in a coffee house sitting in a chair, drunk and asleep. Croxton struck him on the head in that condition with a brickbat, and killed him. He was acquitted by a jury.

There was the case of Peters, who killed Baker. In Natchez, a long time before, Baker, in a fight, had wounded Peters, and made him a cripple. Peters being thus disabled, Baker supported him. The latter, after about a year, became very poor, and discontinued his bounty. Thereupon, Peters pursued him to this city; rode in the night in a hack to his house; sent the hackman to inform him that a gentleman and friend wished to see him on business; and when Baker came out and stood at the window of the hack, shot him dead instantly. Peters was acquitted by the jury, and lived here some years afterwards—long enough to murder, or try to murder, a prostitute, upon whose bounty he subsisted. There was the case of the Pendegrasts, who killed Buchanan, a schoolmaster. The elder Pendegrast, with two of his sons, and a negro, went to Buchanan's school-house, with loaded guns, and killed him, without giving him a chance for his life. The jury gave a verdict of acquittal.

There was the case of Shelby, who killed Horine in Lexington. The two dined at the same public table, and upon Horine's going into the street, Shelby demanded of him why he looked at him in such a manner at the table. Horine answered that he was not aware of having looked at him in any unusual manner. Shelby said, 'You did, and if ever you do it again, I will blow your brains out. I don't know who you are.' Horine responded: 'I know you, and I suppose a man may look at you, if your name is Shelby.' At that, Shelby struck him with his fist, and, without any display of a weapon by Horine, (for he was unarmed,) Shelby shot him dead. Shelby was indicted, but the jury found no verdict against him. There was the case of Harry Daniel, of Mount Sterling, who killed Clinton Thompson. Daniel and Thompson were lawyers and brothers-in-law. Thompson made some imputation upon Daniel in open court. Daniel drew a pistol and shot him dead, in the presence of judge and jury. Thompson had a pistol in his pocket, but did not draw it. Daniel was acquitted by a jury.

☞ The *True Delta* says that though there is, on an average, a murder committed in New Orleans every *twelve hours*, there have been but two convictions for the crime in *eight years*.

☞ The Texas papers state that the number of murders in different parts of the State is becoming fearful. It is also said, that '*out of ninety-four murder cases* which have come before the courts within the last six months, not one of the murderers has felt the *full penalty of the law*.'

(To be continued.)