

# ANOTHER HORROR AT PALMETTO

**Alfred Cranford, Murdered  
By Negro Brute and  
Wife Assaulted.**

**FELLED HUSBAND WITH AXE**

**Both Crimes Committed in Presence  
of Four Small Children — Brute  
Ran From House and Made His  
Escape — Bloodhounds on His  
Trail—Citizens of Newman Join in  
Chase.**

Palmetto, Ga., April 12.—Alfred Cranford, a highly esteemed citizen of this county, residing three miles from Palmetto, was murdered and his wife assaulted by Sam Hose, a notorious negro of the community, at 7 o'clock last night.

The latter slipped up behind Cranford while the latter and family were seated at the table eating supper, and before the presence of the negro was known Cranford was felled to the floor by a terrible blow on the head with an axe. The powerful negro wielded the weapon with terrific force, the keen edge crushing through the skull and brain of the defenseless man and almost killing him instantly.

## ASSAULTED MRS. CRANFORD.

After the shocking murder the negro overpowered Mrs. Cranford and brutally assaulted her in the presence of her four small screaming children. The brute then ran from the house and made his escape, and he has not been captured this afternoon, although a large posse of enraged citizens and several bloodhounds are after him.

If the negro is captured there will be a lynching on the spot, as the negro was clearly identified by Mrs. Cranford, and his guilt is fixed beyond a doubt. It is believed that he cannot evade the posse long, as the bloodhounds have traced him many miles through the woods and swamps, and it seems there is a good opportunity of capturing him.

## FEELING IS AROUSED.

The crime was a terrible one, and it has embittered the feeling against the negroes in this community, and it would take only the slightest disturbance to start serious trouble. The Palmetto lynching of several negroes several weeks ago is still fresh in the minds of the people, and there is a determination among the people to avenge such crimes as have been committed recently, notably the burning of Palmetto and the crime of last night.

After recovering from the grasp of the negro brute, Mrs. Cranford made her way to the home of her husband's father, Mr. G. E. Cranford, about one-half mile from her own home, and there she told of the murder of her husband and how she had suffered at the hands of the negro. Mr. Cranford quickly sounded the alarm and the neighbors gathered at the Crawford home, and quickly organized posses to scour the country with a determination to locate and lynch the negro.

## LYNCHING IS EXPECTED.

There has been great excitement in the community today, and a report of a lynching is minutely expected.

The negro is of a yellow color, five and one-half feet high, one or two front teeth out, and he carries his head a little to one side. He is 21 or 22 years old, and had on a brown spotted hat.

## NEWMAN JOINS THE CHASE.

Newnan, Ga., April 13.—About 50 citizens and all the county officers at Newnan have joined in the chase after the negro who murdered Farmer Cranford near Palmetto last night. The negro and posse were last heard from near Turin, a small station on the Central railroad, between here and Griffin, this afternoon.

There the posse was close behind the negro, and it is believed here he will be captured before dark and lynched.

The negro seems to be making toward a big swamp in the lower part of the county, and the officers are redoubling their efforts in order to capture him before he hides in the swamp. On the trail this morning the posse found Mr. Cranford's coat, which the murderer carried with him last night, and also his daybook. The negro dropped these in his flight.