

"Prominent" and "High-Standing" People.

Whenever a negro kills a white man the newspapers too often tell us how bad or desperate a character the slayer is, and it seems that all feel it incumbent on them to tell of the "respectability" and "high-standing" of the slain white man.

The Lynching in Barnwell.

Last Thursday morning masked men took from the Barnwell jail eight negro prisoners, tied them to trees, and then shot them to death.

THE MURDERERS OF HEFFERNAN ARE SHOT TO DEATH BY UNKNOWN PARTIES WHILE THE TOWN QUIETLY SLEEPS.

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Contributed Locals.

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At exactly 3 o'clock the writer, who was sleeping about a mile distant, was awakened by the report of a pistol.

THE SCENE OF EXECUTION.

Just beyond the limits of the town was the scene of the execution. And what a scene of horror. There were the eight bodies of the victims, all more dead.

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Every corpse of the lot was literally riddled with bullets. The shots may have been fired from pistols, or from the three kinds of weapons.

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A statement of the affair was obtained from Jailor Isiah Neville, who said: "A good number of white men were awakened from my sleep by some one rapping at the door of the jail wall, and at the same time calling me. I went out and saw a man who was armed with a pistol."

CHRISTMAS DAY IN ABBEVILLE.

All the business houses were closed, and very few persons were on the square, which had more the appearance of Sunday than anything else.

SOME HORSE SENSE.

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Smith & Son is the place for bargains. Big and small, cheap and good, in all lines, Monday and Tuesday.

Short Sessions. Every year somebody has something to say about the short sessions of the Legislature, lamenting the fact, as if something was lost thereby.

Long sessions and a Constitutional Convention would up-root the place and prosperity of this County.

Judge Cotran's Resignation. While we are not authorized to speak for him, the current opinion hereabout is, that Judge Cotran will not resign his seat in Congress immediately, and possibly he may serve out his term.

The probability is, that there will be no election for Congressmen before the usual primary elections, which are held previous to the general election.

Persons coming to town on Saturday in January will do well to call upon W. E. Bell. He has some bargains to offer in plain household goods, and in all lines of clothing, brown and black, and in wool and cotton.

Remember the big lot of shoes I offered at a great reduction. W. E. Bell.

If you are in need of anything in shoes, ladies wraps, or any and all plain household goods, call on W. E. Bell on Saturday in January and I will save you money. W. E. Bell.

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EIGHT PRISONERS ARE TAKEN FROM THE JAIL AND LYNCHED.

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BLOOD BARNWELL.

PEACE AND PROPER ACTION BY GOVERNOR RICHARDSON.

He Offers a Reward of Two Hundred Dollars Apiece for the Lynchers--The Ghastly Scene of the Crime.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 28. The Governor has offered a reward of two hundred dollars for the capture and conviction of the Barnwell lynchers.

The safety of the town depends, it is said, on the fact that two hundred armed white men with revolvers in their hands are on their way to the town.

There was a strange fascination for them in the fact that the lynchings were the object of a point of many a long pilgrimage by the colored folk from all parts of the county.

There were a number of visitors in Abbeville during the Christmas holidays.

The lynchings of the defenseless colored men at Barnwell on Friday night was absolutely without justification or excuse.

The good in every community, if they will only act together, can see that justice is dealt to all, and that crimes are punished with a severity that will deter others.

The Barnwell committee says that when John J. Heffernan was murdered there were no colored men present, but that the cooler colors prevailed, thus showing that the bad effects of a lynching were well understood.

Frank H. Gary, Esq., spent the Christmas holidays in Charleston. He returned to Abbeville last Saturday.

The Abbeville Literary Club meets on Tuesday night, the 27th inst., at 8 o'clock.

Wade Hampton, Senator. Senator Hampton was at his desk in the Senate today for the first time during the present session.

The House has just passed a bill to amend the act of 1887, which established the college, by providing for the election of trustees.

THE WAY OUR LANDS GO.

Some Real Estate Transfers Recorded During the Past Year.

Mary E. Turner to Theo. C. Turner, 21 acres, 22nd township, May 2, 1889, bounded by Sallie Bullock, Francis Arnold and Isaac Logan.

John L. Burton to Ann Hall, 57 acres, 56th, 12th township, Aug. 28, 1889, bounded by R. O. Adams, Wards road, Mrs. A. M. Erwin, and Mrs. C. A. Erwin.

W. H. Bailey and Samuel Hodges, Executors Estate James A. Bailey to Wm. G. Calhoun, 1 acre, 12th township, May 8, 1889, bounded by Lot No. 51, South street, Lot No. 18, and known as Lot No. 2.

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The more that is revealed of the sickening details of the slaughter, the more horrible does it become.

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